



**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**Receipts and Expenditures**  
OF THE  
**Town of Middleton**  
FOR THE  
**Year Ending, December 31, 1966**



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**REPORT**  
and  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
of the  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
to the  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

March 15, 1966



**TOWN OF MIDDLETON**  
**Massachusetts**

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**OF THE**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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The Finance Committee herewith submits its report and recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting, March 15, 1966. In preparing these recommendations, the Committee divided itself into two sub-committees and met with each department to determine the financial needs to implement the 1966 programs envisioned by the department. In most cases, these programs were well prepared and reflect a growing awareness on the part of town officials of the needs and desires of the community.

The overall spending envisioned for 1966 reflects an increase over 1965 of between two and three percent. Since the amount of state aid to be received and the exact valuation of the town are not known at the time this report is being written, it is impossible to predict with certainty the new tax rate. The Board of Assessors will be using full values in computing the rate this year so that the rate should be in the \$50-\$55 range. This rate represents an annual tax burden of over five percent of the value of the property. This is substantially higher than average and is close to the highest in the county. It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that this is deplorable and must be considered by voters when requests for new or expanded programs are suggested.

In carrying out its responsibility to advise the town on financial matters, this committee had the opportunity to observe all town agencies and their relationships with one another. As suggested in last year's report, there is a definite and increasing need for a stronger form of centralized control. A coordinated Public Works Department with responsibility for all municipal projects involving purchase, construction and maintenance of town facilities has become a necessity. Again, we urge the Selectmen to initiate action to move toward that objective.

The Finance Committee believes that it has made a sincere effort to determine wage scales commensurate with the requirements of the position, the hours worked, and the degree of responsibility



involved. However, we recognize that it is not possible to evaluate each position on an effective basis within the limited time available for budget preparation. As the number of full-time town positions increases, the problem becomes more important and errors in this area can have an adverse effect on all town programs. We recommend that a Personnel Board be established composed of responsible residents of the town to develop, recommend and administer a Personnel By-Law. This board should continuously review and make recommendations to the town concerning position classification, pay scales, fringe benefits, hiring and discharge policies, performance appraisals and other personnel matters.

Appended to the end of this report is a summary of the transfer of funds from the Reserve Fund to various operating budgets. This fund, which is administered by the Finance Committee, is intended to provide for extraordinary expenditures not foreseen at the time of the preparation of the annual budget. For the most part, department heads conscientiously adhere to the amounts voted by the town. However, we note, with great concern, the growing number of agencies who irresponsibly incur expenditures beyond the appropriated amounts and then expect the Reserve Fund to cover their ineptness. During 1966 all requests for transfers from the fund will be examined in detail and disapproved unless it is clearly the result of unusual conditions.

In Article 6 the Electric Light Commissioners are transferring \$13,000 from the earnings of the Department to the town. We are extremely disappointed that the amount is not larger since the profitability of the town-owned facility would permit a much more significant contribution to the overall fiscal picture. We urge the Commissioners, in the future, to consider the entire town well-being and the fact that the earnings of the department are simply funds collected from residents in light bills in excess of the cost of providing the service to the town. It is not a private enterprise with the objective of accumulating a large surplus revenue.

On the positive side, we are pleased to note that the Masconomet Regional School Committee made an effort this year to restore fiscal responsibility to the school system. By holding the cost per pupil to the same level as last year, they have not jeopardized the educational program. It is recommended that the policy of holding the line in costs will be continued this year until the actual expense more nearly reflects the desires of the community.

Looking toward the future, the items of major expense facing the town in the next few years are an addition at Masconomet, and

an addition to the Flint Public Library. With these major items and the normal minor capital expenditures which will occur, it becomes apparent that further tax increases are imminent without further significant industrial development.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

J. Russell Wallen, Chairman

Frank R. Britner

John T. Dowling

Richard J. Fitzpatrick

Bernard Greenbaum

Robert E. Kelley

Richard M. Murphy

## FINANCE COMMITTEE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual and Special Town Meetings. These definitions are provided in order to give everyone a better understanding of their meaning.

### SURPLUS REVENUE

This fund represents the amount by which the Cash, Accounts Receivable and other floating assets exceed the liabilities and reserves.

### AVAILABLE FUNDS (Often referred to as Free Cash)

A fund certified annually by the State Bureau of Accounts by deducting from Surplus Revenue all uncollected taxes for prior years.

### RESERVE FUND

This fund is established by the voters at an annual town meeting only and may be composed of 1) an appropriation not exceeding 5% of the tax levy of the preceding year, 2) money transferred from Overlay Reserve; or 3) both. Transfers from the Reserve Fund are within the exclusive control of the Finance Committee and are for "extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures."

### OVERLAY

The Overlay is the amount raised by the Assessors in excess of appropriations and other charges for the purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements granted and avoiding fractions.

### OVERLAY RESERVE

This is the accumulated amount of the Overlay for various years not used or required to be held in the specific Overlay account for a given year, and may be used by the vote of the town for extraordinary or unforeseen purposes or voted into the Reserve Fund.

### STABILIZATION FUND

A special account created to provide a reserve for any capital expenditures. The State will match sums taken from this Fund, under certain conditions in amounts up to a maximum of \$100,000. The result of this would be to decrease substantially the bonding cost for any future school construction. The stabilization fund may be used only by a two-thirds vote of the town meeting.

**1965 RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS**

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve \$ 3,000.00

Transfers to —

Memorial Day Expense	\$ 17.69
Decennial Census	539.80
Motor Vehicle Insurance	74.83
Opening Graves	200.00
Fire Department Expense	350.00
Police Radio	200.00
Tax Collector's Clerk	110.00
Assessor's Clerk	200.00
Selectmen's Expense	81.00
Planning Board	133.00
Town Hall Expense	17.18
Police Wages	277.60
Fire Expenses	59.13
Board of Health Expense	506.18
Vocational Education	154.07
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	\$ 2,920.48

Returned to Overlay Reserve \$ 79.52

## ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

March 15, 1966

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ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1966 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17 of the General Laws.

Recommended

ARTICLE 3. To fix the compensations of elected officers, provide for a Reserve Fund, and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing year.

See Budget

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$27,000 from Surplus Revenue to the Stabilization Fund.

Recommended

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to use \$20,000 from available funds to reduce the tax rate.

Recommendation will be made at the Town Meeting

ARTICLE 6. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$13,000 from the earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes.

Recommended

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Board of Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,100 for eleven street lights on Boston Street from the Ipswich River to the Peabody Line; said sum to be taken from the earnings of the Electric Light Department.

Recommended

ARTICLE 8. On petition of Robert Meade and others to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$200 for two street lights on Arrow Street; said sum to be taken from the earnings of the Electric Light Department.

Recommended

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Water Survey Committee to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$500 from the Water Surplus Account to the Water Survey Committee; said sum to be used by the Committee, and at their discretion, to pursue Federal aid in helping to finance a Town Water System.

Recommended

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the Chief of Police, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,450 which, together with the exchange value of the present 1965 Dodge Police Cruiser, is to be expended for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser for the use of the Police Department, to be purchased by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-laws, agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police.

Recommended

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to be expended for the purchase of a new International Truck Chassis in accordance with the specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor.

Recommended

ARTICLE 12. On petition of Allan G. Marshall, Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300. to put parking lines in Middleton Square.

Recommended that the sum of \$100 be appropriated.



ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Conservation Commission to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of establishing a Town Common and Conservation Park for the benefit of Middleton people, said sum to be expended for the payment of costs incidental to the acquisition of land by way of lease or purchase, and to contract with the appropriate federal or state governmental agencies for any available reimbursement, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee believes that this article is premature pending further information about the project and its ultimate scope.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of the Masconomet Regional District School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise, assess and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum not exceeding \$10,900 for the purpose of providing the Town's share of the cost of the Regional District School Committee to pay for an architect, or other professional services, to draw plans and specifications for an addition to the regional school together with any remodeling to the existing building as may be made necessary thereby, in accordance with the original agreement with the Towns of Boxford and Topsfield establishing the Regional School District as amended by vote of the member towns in 1961 and 1965, and to expressly ratify and confirm the Town's acceptance of said amendments, and to direct the Town Treasurer to pay over said sum to the Regional District School to be used only in conjunction with funds appropriated by the other two member towns for this purpose.

Recommended that the sum of \$10,900 be appropriated

ARTICLE 15. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150 to cover the cost of perambulating Town Boundaries during 1965.

Recommended

ARTICLE 16. On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will rezone from Residence A-20,000 to B-Business District on the Southwest side of South Main Street near Middleton Square described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of South Main Street and extending westerly along Pleasant Street for 230 feet to a property line, thence southerly by said property line to a point 130 feet from Boston Street, thence by a line parallel with and 130 feet from Boston Street to South Main Street and thence by South Main Street to the point of beginning; and including an area north of Middleton Brook already zoned B-Business.

Recommendation not required.

*\$1,600.00  
for 2nd stop  
of development  
1968 opening  
avoid  
double  
sections  
5% increase in  
fueling costs*

ARTICLE 17. On petition of the Board of Water Commissioners to see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to enter into negotiations with the Administrator of Housing and Home Finance Agency, or successors, to apply for Federal Funds and that the Board of Commissioners be authorized to expend same for surveys, construction plans, specifications and contract documents, with estimates of cost of proposed additions and extensions to the water system in all its various phases with the understanding that the Town will reimburse the Federal Government for that part of the cost of surveys, construction plans, specifications and contract documents allocated to a particular water project, if, and when, the particular water project is subsequently voted by the Town, said planning to be made by an Engineer, approved by the Administrator and that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to accept a planning advance from the United States Government under the terms of Public Law 560, as amended, for the purpose of making said planning for the Town of Middleton, or take any action relating thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning map to change the designation of a certain parcel of land from Residence R1B to Industrial M1; said land being Lots B,C,D on a Plan of land belonging to Joseph LeColst, made by Osborne Palmer, Engineer, September 1953, recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deed in Book 4016, Page 559, being bounded and described as follows: A certain parcel of land on the northerly side of School Street beginning at the junction of two stone walls at the westerly boundary of land now or formerly of Gorham; thence running NORTHWESTERLY by the land of the said Gorham along a stone wall three hundred sixty (360) feet and continuing along the said westerly boundary an additional two hundred seventy (270) feet to the thread of Boston Brook; thence; SOUTHWESTERLY by the thread of said Boston Brook six hundred twenty (620) feet to a point at the junction of the thread of said Boston Brook and the easterly boundary of land now or formerly of Priscilla C. LeColst; thence SOUTHEASTERLY by the said land of Priscilla C. LeColst four hundred (400) feet to School Street; thence NORTHEASTERLY four hundred fifty-five (455) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 5.9 acres. All measurements being more or less, or to take any other action thereon.

No recommendation required

## 1966 BUDGET

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT — 3.9% OF TOTAL

Item No.	Item	Average Expended 1962-1964	1965 Expended	Recommended 1966
	Moderator			
1.	Salary	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	Finance Committee			
2.	Expenses	44.33	37.00	100.00
	Selectmen			
3.	Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
4.	Expenses	603.35	930.88	800.00
5.	Clerk	475.00	525.00	600.00
	Accountant			
6.	Salary	1,733.33	1,800.00	1,800.00
7.	Expenses	164.05	155.40	300.00
	Treasurer			
8.	Salary	1,733.33	1,800.00	1,800.00
9.	Clerical		295.35	300.00
10.	Expenses	930.20	528.46	835.00
11.	Tax Titles	1,022.00	1,029.25	1,200.00
	Collector			
12.	Salary	2,133.33	2,200.00	2,200.00
13.	Clerk	872.00	1,110.00	1,092.00
14.	Expenses	1,202.08	1,316.05	1,300.00
	Assessors			
15.	Salary	1,845.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
16.	Clerk	1,069.25	1,490.00	1,092.00
17.	Expenses	786.17	949.44	1,000.00
	Town Counsel			
18.	Salary	1,133.33	1,200.00	1,200.00
19.	Expenses	264.82	329.70	500.00
	Clerk			
20.	Salary	733.33	800.00	800.00
21.	Expenses	312.92	297.78	350.00

Item No.	Item	Average Expended 1962-1964	1965 Expended	Recommended 1966
	Elections & Registrations			
22.	Salaries	333.33	200.00	400.00
23.	Expenses	1,531.87	959.49	1,750.00
	Planning Board			
24.	Expenses	388.69	883.00	800.00
	Town Hall			
25.	Salary	480.00	480.00	480.00
26.	Expenses	826.59	917.18	1,000.00
27.	Special	_____	710.16	750.00
	Memorial Hall			
28.	Salary	520.00	600.00	600.00
29.	Expenses	2,176.34	2,220.25	2,400.00
30.	Special	768.19	_____	1,000.00
	Totals		28,514.39	31,199.00

## PUBLIC SAFETY — 6.5% OF TOTAL

	Constable			
31.	Salary	35.00	35.00	35.00
	Police			
	Chief's			
32.	Salary	5,980.00	6,500.00	6,760.00
33.	Wages	8,170.03	13,668.60	16,680.00
34.	Expenses	3,511.81	4,405.14	4,575.00
	Fire			
	Chief's			
35.	Salary	_____	5,980.00	6,220.00
36.	Salaries	2,787.80	2,087.00	2,350.00
	Expenses			
37.	& Wages	11,325.63	18,189.13	20,591.00
	Building Inspector			
38.	Salary	533.30	600.00	750.00
39.	Expenses	234.50	250.00	250.00
	Board of Appeals			
40.	Expenses	406.88	487.21	500.00

Item No.	Item	Average Expended 1962-1964	1965 Expended	Recommended 1966
	Wire Inspector			
41.	Salary	300.00	300.00	400.00
42.	Expenses	133.30	140.00	150.00
	Civil Defense			
43.	Expenses	91.17	87.65	100.00
	Gas Inspector			
44.	Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00
45.	Expenses	_____	_____	75.00
	Plumbing Inspector			
46.	Salary	_____	100.00	200.00
47.	Expenses	_____	_____	75.00
	Forestry			
48.	Expenses	1,493.89	1,500.00	1,500.00
49.	Moth	990.88	582.62	625.00
50.	Dutch Elm	1,237.27	970.05	1,000.00
51.	New Trees	269.05	257.48	300.00
	Dog Officer			
52.	Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
53.	Expenses	145.00	197.68	300.00
	Totals		56,637.56	63,736.00

## HEALTH AND SANITATION — 0.9% OF TOTAL

	Board of Health			
54.	Salary	320.00	320.00	520.00
55.	Expenses	3,338.27	3,756.18	3,500.00
56.	Dental Clinic	1,229.55	1,085.78	1,200.00
57.	Community Health Program	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Inspector of Animals			
58.	Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
59.	Expenses	100.00	65.82	100.00
	Inspector of Slaughtering			
60.	Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
61.	Mental Health	_____	365.00	365.00
	Totals		8,342.78	8,435.00

Item No.	Item	Average Expended 1962-1964	1965 Expended	Recommended 1966
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT — 4.7% OF TOTAL</b>				
62.	Road Machinery Account (From Road Machinery Fund)	4,729.73	5,437.46	6,240.00
63.	Highway Surveyor Salary (From Available Dept. Funds)	5,460.00	5,980.00	6,240.00
64.	Highway Expense	9,360.09	10,368.50	11,504.00
65.	Chapter 81	5,875.00	5,875.00	5,875.00
66.	Chapter 81 State*	9,075.00	9,074.54	9,075.00
67.	Chapter 90 Construction	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
68.	Chapter 90 Country & State*	10,500.00	14,867.29	10,500.00
69.	Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
70.	Chapter 90 State*	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
71.	Snow Removal	17,564.69	15,147.08	16,000.00
72.	Storm Drains	997.73	1,977.14	1,000.00
73.	Street Lighting	5,666.67	5,856.39	6,000.00
Totals			44,724.11	45,879.00

\* Amount to be taken from surplus revenue, and when received from State and County, reimbursement to be returned to Surplus Revenue.

#### CHARITIES — 5.4% OF TOTAL

74.	Welfare District Administration	2,024.10	2,443.60	2,776.00
	Public Welfare			
75.	Salaries	900.00	900.00	900.00
76.	Expenses	91.58	62.40	100.00
77.	General Relief	4,542.90	5,062.33	2,000.00
78.	Old Age Assistance	9,941.77	12,401.08	6,000.00
79.	Medical Aid for Aged	17,776.24	19,485.85	20,000.00
80.	Aid Dependent Children	10,878.29	20,200.69	15,000.00
81.	Disability Assistance	7,496.65	12,930.51	6,000.00
Totals			73,486.46	52,776.00

#### VETERANS' SERVICES — 1% OF TOTAL

Veteran's Agent				
82.	Salary	250.00	500.00	750.00
83.	Expenses	664.73	220.50	225.00
84.	Veteran's Aid	10,826.19	5,162.82	9,000.00
Totals			5,883.32	9,975.00



Item No.	Item	Average Expended 1962-1964	1965 Expended	Recommended 1966
<b>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT — 65.4% OF TOTAL</b>				
	Elementary School			
85.	Salaries	158,133.69	199,026.51	220,250.00
86.	Expenses	47,606.31	54,128.78	54,635.00
87.	Supt. Out of State Travel	—	148.38	200.00
88.	Masconomet Regional School District	266,158.61	378,785.54	365,772.00
89.	Vocational Education	115.09	754.07	2,000.00
	Totals		632,843.28	642,857.00
<b>LIBRARY DEPARTMENT — 1% OF TOTAL</b>				
90.	Salaries	3,437.10	5,200.00	6,110.00
91.	Expenses	2,422.72	3,412.09	3,530.00
92.	Plus Dog Tax Refund		—	—
	Totals		8,612.09	9,640.00
<b>RECREATION — 0.2% OF TOTAL</b>				
93.	Park Expenses	1,398.31	1,861.02	1,840.00
94.	East Street Pool	—	236.00	250.00
95.	New Equipment	182.54	259.40	313.00
	Totals		2,356.42	2,403.00
<b>CEMETERIES — 1% OF TOTAL</b>				
96.	Commissioner's Salary	60.00	60.00	60.00
97.	Supt. of Burial Salary	30.00	30.00	30.00
98.	Expenses	6,711.51	6,155.00	6,425.00
99.	Opening Graves	1,428.57	1,700.00	2,000.00
100.	Equipment	—	—	980.00
101.	Hot Top	—	—	450.00
	Totals		7,945.00	9,945.00
<b>UNCLASSIFIED — 4.2% OF TOTAL</b>				
102.	Retirement Assessment	9,051.50	15,751.92	17,181.00
103.	Printing Town Reports	1,758.57	1,890.80	2,000.00
104.	Memorial Day Insurance	492.28	517.69	500.00
105.	General Liability	6,638.53	9,535.00	9,505.00

Item No.	Item	Average Expended 1962-1964	1965 Expended	Recommended 1966
106.	Motor Vehicle	2,594.06	2,524.83	3,047.00
107.	Group	827.57	524.16	600.00
108.	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	5,160.00	4,671.60	4,800.00
109.	Industrial Development Commission	_____	19.70	100.00
110.	Christmas Lighting	31.38	35.31	50.00
111.	Reserve Fund	1,511.28	2,931.34	3,000.00
	Totals		38,402.35	40,783.00

#### MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST — 6.6% OF TOTAL

112.	School Addition Loan 1950	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
113.	School Addition Loan 1965	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
114.	Fuller Meadow School	_____	27,000.00	25,000.00
115.	Fire Truck Loan	_____	_____	4,000.00
116.	Interest	14,790.00	15,000.00	18,500.00
	Totals		65,000.00	67,500.00

#### PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Water Department				
117.	Salaries	450.00	450.00	450.00
118.	Expenses	108.36	224.10	200.00
119.	Maintenance	1,186.30	2,159.79	2,000.00
120.	Debt Repayment	_____	1,942.50	1,860.00
	Totals		4,776.39	4,510.00
Electric Department				
121.	Salaries	11,458.33	12,489.00	13,470.00
122.	Wages	22,433.59	27,525.31	30,587.00
123.	Energy	133,282.52	129,899.83	172,000.00
124.	Expenses	19,345.17	14,360.05	20,000.00
125.	Line Clearance	921.97	1,725.20	2,000.00
126.	Depreciation	13,331.01	14,815.34	24,000.00
127.	Emergency Fund	_____	_____	1,000.00
	Totals		200,814.73	263,057.00
	Grand Totals		1,178,338.88	1,252,695.00

# Town Meeting Warrant

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ESSEX, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleton in the County of Essex;

CREETINCS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Howe-Manning School Auditorium in said Middleton on Tuesday the Fourteenth day of March next at eight o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1967, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 3. To fix the compensations of elected officers; to determine whether any Town Board shall be authorized to employ for additional salary or compensation any of its members; provide for a Reserve Fund; and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire for the use of the Electric Light Department a right of way and easement not to exceed 100 feet in width and 3/10 miles in length, beginning at a point between Gregory Street and the Danvers line and running to the property of Essex Sanatorium at the site of the proposed M.I.T. Linear Accelerator Facility; and to authorize the Selectmen to pay such sum as is fair and reasonable for the purchase of said property or to award a sum as is fair and reasonable for damage incurred as a result of the taking. The sum of \$700.00 shall be appropriated for such purpose, said sum to be taken from the surplus funds of the Electric Light Department of the Town of Middleton.

ARTICLE 5. On petition of the Electric Light Department to see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$13,000. from the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used to reduce taxes.

ARTICLE 6 . On petition of the Cemetery Department to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,100. to purchase a truck, said truck to be purchased by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-laws, agreeable to the petition of the Cemetery Department.

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Cemetery Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to establish an equipment depreciation fund with income from equipment rental, and to transfer all revenue obtained from rental of equipment to said fund.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,700. to be expended for the purchase of a new International Dump Truck in accordance with the specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500. to pay for a 1957 Mack Truck, Model B42, with a 1964 Anderson Automatic Sander; this money to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$8,589.60 to be expended on construction of a portion of Lake St., in accordance with Clause 5, Section 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended; to be reimbursed under Chapter 679, Acts of 1965.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Fire Chief, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200. to pay the wages for one new permanent firefighter for the Fire Department; said man to start work the first week in April.

ARTICLE 12. On petition of the Conservation Commission to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000. to the Conservation Fund of the Town of Middleton and authorize the Conservation Commission to expend from said Fund whatever amounts are appropriate to secure options and/or buy and sell agreements for the purchase of the land as outlined on the Master Plan for the Town Common and Park; that the Conservation Commission be hereby authorized and directed to apply to the Commonwealth's Department of Natural Resources for reimbursement under the provisions of C.L., Chapter 132A, Section 11, and to any other State or Federal Agency for such grants or reimbursements as may be or may become available.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Board of Assessors to see if the Town will petition the State Tax Commission for the installation of the State Assessment System as provided in Section 7A - 7E of Chapter 58 of the General Laws, or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of Donald James and others to see if the Town will vote to repair certain portions of Spring Road, Randall Road and Lakeview Ave., private ways within the Town of Middleton, consisting of 1600 lineal feet commencing at Liberty Street and running to Lot #348 on Randall Road, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,420. to be expended for this purpose.

ARTICLE 15. On petition of Jeffrey W. Savoie and others to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by striking out Section VI-C (2), entitled, "Promotion of Harmonious Development," and Section VI-H and Ha through Hf inclusive, entitled "Site Plans."

ARTICLE 16. On petition of the Chief of Police, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600. which together with the exchange value of the present 1966 Oldsmobile Jetstar (88) 4- door sedan, Model #5269, Cruiser is to be expended for the purchase of a New Police Cruiser for the use of the Police Department; to be purchased by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-laws, agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 17. On petition of the Recreation Committee to see if the Town will vote to name the 10-acre Park behind Brigadoon the JOHN HOCTER MEMORIAL PARK, in honor of the Town's first Park Superintendent and late Highway Surveyor.

ARTICLE 18. On petition of the Recreation Committee to see if the Town will vote to accept a conveyance by deed in fee of a portion of a parcel of land at Thunder Bridge, now owned by Mrs. Marian Tribby, and to name said parcel the WILLIAM TAFF MEMORIAL BEACH.

ARTICLE 19. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to expand the present Conservation Commission by the addition of two members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen; one for a term of one year and one for a term of two years, or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 20. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Available Funds to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 21. On petition of the Town Accountant to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town's Surplus Account \$1,123.19 to pay 1966 obligations as follows: Memorial Hall expense - \$80.78; Town Hall expense - \$128.61; Masconomet Regional School - \$829.25; Cemetery expense - \$84.55.

ARTICLE 22. On petition of the Town Accountant to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town's Surplus Account the sum of \$10.00 to pay a 1965 obligation for opening graves.

ARTICLE 23. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to return to the Town's Surplus Account non-revenue balances amounting to \$2,385.33 on the following: Fire-Highway Building - \$1,983.32; School Addition Loan (1950) - \$402.01.

ARTICLE 24. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to establish a plan for classification of positions of certain Town employees under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108a and 108c of the General Laws, said plan to be supervised by a personnel relations review board to be appointed by the Selectmen.

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet at the Fuller Meadow School on Monday, March 20 next for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: One Moderator for One year, One Selectman for Three years, One Member of the Board of Public Welfare for Three years, One Assessor for Three years, Two members of the School Committee for Three years, One Member of Regional School Committee for Three years, One Electric Light Commissioner for Three years, One Cemetery Commissioner for Three years, One Tree Warden for One year, One Member of Planning Board for Five years, Two Trustees of Flint Public Library for Three years, One Water and Sewer Commissioner for Three years, One Member of Middleton Housing Authority for Five years.

The Polls will be open at 7:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 7:00 P.M.

And you are directed to service this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Memorial Hall, Post Office and Store at Howe's Station in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-seven.

FRANK T. LeCOLST, Chairman  
ROBERT C. COWEN, Clerk  
LESLIE E. MERRIFIELD

A true copy, Attest:

JAMES W. WENTWORTH, Constable





# *Annual Report*

for the

## *Town of Middleton*

Massachusetts

*1966*

## **Town Officers (Elected) 1966**

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### **Moderator**

Richard J. White

### **Town Clerk**

William T. Martin, Jr. (1969)

### **Selectmen and Board of Health**

Frank T. LeColst, Chairman (1967)

Leslie E. Merrifield (1968)

Robert G. Gowen (1969)

### **Board of Public Welfare**

Leslie E. Merrifield, Chairman (1968)

Leyland E. Phillips (1967)

George M. Farley (1969)

### **Board of Assessors**

Paul B. Wake, Chairman (1969)

Ernest F. LeBeau (1967)

Donald A. Aylward (1968)

### **Treasurer**

Patricia M. Jordan (1968)

### **Tax Collector**

Harold E. Tyler (1969)

### **Highway Surveyor**

Allan G. Marshall (1969)

### **Constable**

James W. Wentworth (1968)

### **School Committee**

Francis X. Masse, Chairman (1967)

Edward H. Jones (1969)

David V. Harding (1969)

Georgia D. Lewis (1968)

Annie J. Dow (1967)

### **Regional School Committee**

Edward L. Raynard (1967)

James H. Coffin, Jr. (1968)

Robert E. Forney (1969)



**Electric Light Commissioners**

Frank E. Dow, Chairman (1967)

Richard O. Ajootian (1968)

Robert W. Fox (1969)

**Cemetery Commissioners**

Michael Lavorgna, Chairman (1967)

John A. Pellicelli (1968)

Edward J. Richardson (1969)

**Tree Warden**

Ernest R. Gould

**Planning Board**

Robert J. Preytis, Chairman (1970)

Donald H. Hall (1967)

John A. Goodwin (1968)

Eugene J. LeBlanc (1969)

Louis A. Barrett (1971)

**Trustees of Flint Public Library**

Paul B. Wake, Chairman (1968)

James H. Coffin (1968)

Elmer O. Campell, Jr. (1967)

Donald A. Aylward (1969)

Willis W. Esty (1967)

Carl C. Jones (1969)

**Water and Sewer Commissioners**

William J. Hocter, Chairman (1967)

George W. Nash (1968)

Benjamin K. Richardson (1969)

**Middleton Housing Authority**

Charles S. Clinch, Jr., Chairman (1970)

Carl A. Peterson (1969)

Lennart Winquist (1967)

Richard G. Floyd, Jr. (1971)

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**Town Officers (Appointed) 1966**

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**Registrars of Voters**

Lloyd H. Getchell, Chairman (1969)

Arthur F. Bastable (1967)

John M. Cryan (1968)

William T. Martin, Jr., Clerk (Ex-officio)

**Zoning Appeal Board**

Thomas F. Dolan, Chairman (1967)

Thomas D. Black (1971)

Nathan A. Hayward (1968)

R. Lionel Barrows (1970)

Walter E. Clinton (1969)

Ebbe B. Wennerberg (1967) Alternate

Joseph E. Pickard (1967) Alternate

**Finance Committee**

John T. Dowling, Chairman (1969)

Robert E. Kelley (1967)

Richard M. Murphy (1967)

Frank R. Britner (1968)

Bernard Greenbaum (1968)

Richard J. Fitzpatrick (1968)

Gerard J. LeBel (1969)

**Chief of Police**

James W. Wentworth

**Chief of Fire Department**

Harold F. Purdy

**Forest Fire Warden**

Harold F. Purdy

**Electric Light Manager**

J. Lansing English

**Town Accountant**

Bartholomew J. Whelan

**Town Counsel**

Walter R. Colby

Lynnfield, Mass.

**Inspector of Animals**

Lloyd H. Getchell

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

Lloyd H. Getchell

**Wire Inspector**

John W. Milbery

**Building Inspector**

Roger M. Peabody

**Plumbing and Gas Inspector**

Beaumont B. Hurd

**Welfare Agent**

Leo Jeghalien

**Veterans' Agent**

Ernest F. LeBeau

**Director of Veterans' Services**

Ernest F. LeBeau

**Superintendent of Cemeteries**

Edward J. Richardson

**Moth Superintendent**

Ernest R. Gould

**Park Superintendent**

Ernest R. Gould

**Health Agent**

Leyland A. Phillips

**Consultant Sanitarian**

Kent A. Murphy

Revere, Mass.

**Dog Officer**

Charles H. Ohlson

**Custodian of Town Hall**

Robert P. Fuller

**Custodian of Memorial Hall**

James J. Comstock

**Custodian of Town Dump**

John W. Campbell

**Civil Defense Agent**

Arthur G. Doane

**Custodian of Town Lands**

Patricia M. Jordan

**Conservation Commission**

Henry N. Sawyer (1968)

Leonard W. Kupreance (1967)

Michael T. Manning (1969)

Francis E. Gorham (Alternate member)

John Comack (Alternate member)

**Industrial Development Commission**

George J. Haykal, Chairman (1967)

Henry G. Roberge (1968)

Robert G. Gowen (1969)

Helen F. Richardson (1970)

R. Lionel Barrows (1971)

**Committee to Survey Economical Opportunity Act of 1964**

Francis X. Masse, Chairman

Judith D. Dolan

Leslie E. Merrifield

Rev. Fr. Richard J. Schmaruk

George Vlahos

Rev. Richard F. Wilcox

**Representative to Metropolitan Area Planning Council**

Louis A. Barrett

**Representative to Ipswich River Watershed****District Advisory Board**

Louis A. Barrett

**Memorial Day Committee**

Robert P. Fuller

Charles Monahan

Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.

**Committee to Study Feasibility of a Municipal Office Building**

John Muzichuk, Chairman

Thomas F. Dolan

Richard M. Murphy

James W. Wentworth

Frank T. LeColst

Eugene J. LeBlanc

Richard R. Clarke

**Trustees****B. F. Emerson Fund**

Naumkeag Trust Company, Salem, Mass.

Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.

Willis W. Esty

Paul B. Wake

Carl C. Jones

**Mansfield Fund**

Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

**David Cummings Fund**

Board of Public Welfare

*Reports*

of

*Various Departments*

*1966*

# FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Treasurer's Report

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Appropriation for Salaries		\$ 6,110.00
Salaries:		
Librarian	\$ 1,900.00	
Assistants to Librarian	3,407.95	
Janitor	600.00	
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Total Salaries		\$ 5,907.95
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Balance, Returned to Revenue		\$ 202.05
Appropriation for Expenses	\$ 3,620.00	
Add-Dog Tax	503.22	
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Total		\$ 4,123.22
Expenses:		
Book Binding	\$ 39.58	
Magazines	176.85	
Fuel	566.90	
Light	93.77	
Water	40.66	
Insurance	496.00	
Building Maintenance	70.03	
Equipment	90.00	
Librarian's Supplies	438.35	
Telephone	100.88	
Janitor's Supplies	84.05	
Books	1,888.77	
Miscellaneous	24.70	
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Total Expenses		\$ 4,110.54
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Balance, Returned to Revenue		\$ 12.68

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## B. F. EMERSON TRUST FUND

Received from Naumkeag Trust Co., Salem (Trustee)	\$ 516.81
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**MARY ESTY EMERSON FUND**

E. O. Campbell, Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:

Mary Esty Emerson Fund, Principal	\$	2,500.00
On Deposit in Danvers Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1966		3,057.73

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**WALTER S. FLINT MEMORIAL FUND**

E. O. Campbell, Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:

Walter S. Flint Memorial Fund, Principal	\$	2,000.00
On Deposit in Danvers Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1966		2,000.00

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**FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDS**

Balance, Jan. 1, 1966	\$	332.04
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## Income:

Book Fines (overdue books)	\$	450.70
Books lost or damaged		4.50
B. F. Emerson Fund		516.81
Charles L. Flint Fund		265.69
Mary Esty Emerson Fund		141.38
Walter S. Flint Memorial Fund		92.50
Miscellaneous		16.95
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Total Income	\$	1,820.57
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## Expenses:

Books	\$	1,395.06
Magazines		6.75
Stereo-phonograph		224.00
Librarian's Supplies		45.10
Bank Service Charge		2.85
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Total Expenses		1,673.76
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1966	\$	146.81
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**CHARLES L. FLINT FUND**

E. O. Campbell, Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:

Charles L. Flint Fund, Principal	\$	5,000.00
On Deposit in Banks, Dec. 31, 1966:		

Salem 5c Savings Bank	\$	986.88
Salem Savings Bank		510.73
Danvers Savings Bank		1,420.40
Broadway Savings Bank		1,866.96
Essex Savings Bank		1,000.00
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Total		\$ 5,784.97

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. CAMPBELL, JR., Treas.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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With the closing of the year the librarian has spent a painful period of assessing the results of a year's work, the achievements and failures, the strengths and weaknesses of this publicly and privately supported institution. Change, and the consolidation of previous changes have characterized the year, an expansion of the book collection and magazine subscriptions, the development of year-round story programs for pre-school children, occasional programs featuring musical recordings and recitations, the extension of youth services with representatives from the Lynn Youth Opportunity Center — while the day-to-day routines of charging and discharging materials went on.

At the beginning of the year, the architectural and engineering survey of the library's physical plant was eagerly anticipated by the librarian, but the price tag of \$125,000 was considered so unreasonable at this stage of the town's development that the proposed article for the town warrant in March was withdrawn just before the approved articles were sent to the printers. The basic issue in the planning of future improvements is the adequacy of the physical changes to accommodate the growth anticipated over the next twenty years. This twenty year projection, upon which a plan of expansion must be constructed, is the primary requirement in qualifying for Federal library funds which are channeled through the state division of library extension. As the trustees and librarian, along with the Finance Committee, became involved in the development of adequate plans, we became aware that the size of this undertaking would require more time than just a few months preceding town meeting. The analysis of our local library situation indicated that we were not in sufficiently desperate straits to warrant the allocation of Federal funds, nor were we assuming a major role in the regional library organization to warrant a subsidy for expansion as has taken place in Andover. Essentially, we were neither a key link in the chain of libraries throughout the state, into which most of the Federal funds were being channeled in 1965 and 1966, nor could we qualify as the poorest. Our status in the middle of the public libraries of the state, in terms of physical plant, collections and service, made us ineligible for Federal support, but did attest to the relatively adequate support which had been granted over the years, considering the size and resources of the community.

The outgrowth of community concern over the plight of many

young people who actually dropped out of school or were on the verge of doing so was the acceptance of an offer by the director of the Lynn Youth Opportunity Center to establish an outreach station at the library on Thursday mornings, from 9 to 12 noon. Various staff members from the Center have been present in the course of the year, interviewing, counselling and establishing the contacts needed by quite a number of young people outside the normal educational channels of the district. Through these agents of the Federal and State government, our young people have been assisted in getting further technical education through Youth Corps Centers across the country, via on-the-job training, or directly placed in employment suited to their capability and needs. While there has been a slackening in the need for these services in the last few months, the first six months of 1966 were active in the assistance provided. During this time the librarian or his wife managed to have the library open for this service, and at the monthly meetings of the Advisory Council of the Greater Lynn area, the librarian and generally the pastor of the Congregational Church were in attendance, learning about the range of programs and services offered, plans for the future, the accomplishments and the admitted failures in the area of youth service.

The beginning of 1966 also brought the start of regular story hours for pre-school children, held in the Fuller Meadow school library, the outcome of a closer integration of public educational agencies with the blessing of Superintendent Port and the Middleton School Committee. Embarking upon such a program required the services of a capable, dedicated woman who would thoroughly enjoy working with the very young, along with the expansion of materials in the library collection for this age group. Fortunately for the children of Middleton we have had the enthusiastic service of Mrs. Dorothy English, who expressed her love of children in the regular hours she has devoted to this area of public service. Simultaneously, with the increased town appropriation for library materials, it became feasible to allocate a larger proportion of the budget to the purchase of children's books, especially the many picture books now in print. For a small library we can now be proud of our children's collection, if not of our facilities for serving them.

While these special services stand out in the course of the year, due recognition must be given to the rest of the staff in the many varied services they offered the young people and adults in the community. The ordering and processing of books and periodicals require much detailed work, largely done in the seclusion of an inadequate office area. The many requests for books from the

State Regional Library at North Reading, serving the small towns on the North Shore, the regular collections loaned and returned to the bookmobile, the many displays changed and renewed as the year progressed, periodic loans to the local schools, classes for new students and teachers, these and many more activities too numerous to spell out, constitute the range of services offered by the Flint staff. Without the dedicated assistance of Mrs. Helena Coffin, Mrs. Lois Clinch, Mrs. Dorothy English, and Mrs. Page Campbell, your town library would have functioned solely as a repository of knowledge, not the dispenser and active agent it has become in late years.

In the area of cultural programs, Mr. Stanley Bennett, former organist at the Congregational Church, presented several programs of musical recordings, concentrating on the Renaissance and Baroque periods in Western music. These were the first public uses of the high fidelity sound system which was purchased at the beginning of the year. Further programs are planned in the future, especially since Columbia Records donated about thirty albums of high fidelity and stereo recordings to the library. Among the future plans are included programs utilizing the tremendous recording and movie collections of the Boston Public Library, which are now available to the local library and any organization in town which wishes to register through the local library. While these aural aspects are incorporated in these programs, it is hoped that we can develop several art programs and exhibitions by drawing upon the resources of the extension division of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and perhaps the Museum of Science. Many of these activities will require added hours and services which can only be provided if we have some volunteer assistance from interested citizens, particularly through a projected organization of Friends of the Library which can assist in the expansion of services to the very young and the very old.

Before concluding this report, a summary of pertinent statistics for the past three years is included to satisfy the urge for numerical assessment of where we have been and currently are in the area of library service:

	1964	1965	1966	✓
Attendance .....	12,409	12,595	11,936	
Circulation: Juvenile .....	5,409	6,005	3,219	
Adult .....	6,699	8,163	5,658	
Bookmobile ....	2,163	2,883	4,245	
Magazines and pamphlets	(no records kept)		233	

Registration .....	192	950	189
Volumes added .....	523	676	1,827
Volumes discarded .....	29	444	860
Total vols. on Dec. 31st ..	15,104	15,336	16,303

The considerable increase which took place between 1963 and 1964 has not continued into 1966, except in the area of bookmobile circulation. In explanation of the decrease in children's circulation, this has coincided with the development of school libraries in the local schools and more intensive use of school owned materials, a reflection of the growing collections available in local and regional schools. At the same time, during the past two years, the prime emphasis in purchasing for adults has been the acquisition of reference materials, a very expensive process, which are not reflected in the figures on circulation. Except for the regular renewal of reference materials, the prime area of interest will be in the more popular areas of fiction and non-fiction which will appear in future circulation records.

At the end of this annual survey, it appears quite fitting to speculate on further developments to meet current and emerging needs in this cultural center of the community. The most pressing need is to provide better facilities for the very young, the preschoolers who are now crowded into a terribly inadequate corner of the main lobby. Of secondary interest is the construction of closed bookcases for the care and display of the library's historical records and book collections which are now housed poorly in deep steel cabinets, traditionally kept locked for safekeeping. For the benefit of all interested in Middleton's past, this collection should be at least visible and available for research. Lastly, your library should develop more adequate facilities for the utilization of audio-visual materials and equipment which figure so prominently in modern public libraries which are beginning to meet the needs of the public in this TV era of ours. Reading will still remain as the main avenue towards acquiring the most extensive acquaintance with man's heritage, but the audio and visual aspects must receive their due consideration and active support. Thus only will the public library be enabled to utilize and serve the varied interests and abilities of all people in the community.

PHILIP E. NORTHWAY,

Librarian



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT — 1966

To the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

I submit for your approval my report of Vital Statistics Recorded, Dog Taxes collected and Fish and Game licenses issued for the year 1966.

Please report any errors or omissions of Vital Statistics to the Town Clerk's office that the Record may be corrected accordingly.

### Marriage Record For 1966

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Names of Bride and Groom	Residence
Jan. 22	Lynn	William George Russell Cynthia Diane Mansfield	Lynn Middleton
Jan. 28	Topsfield	Philip James Wilichoski Janice Mary Molin	Middleton Boxford
Feb. 4	Lynn	Everett C. Lowe, Jr. Florence Barry	Middleton Lynn
Feb. 12	Boxford	Paul Edward Richardson Cheryl Ann Boardman	W. Boxford Middleton
Feb. 18	Middleton	John Raymond Godbout Louise Tersolo Mann	Middleton Danvers
Mar. 4	Amesbury	Lornie Sheldon Thomas Mary Louise Stacke	Rowley Middleton
Mar. 26	Lynn	Frank Andrew Karayianes Mary Elizabeth Atkinson	Middleton Lynn
Mar. 26	Middleton	Richard William Tinkham Mildred May Roberts	Salem Middleton
Apr. 12	Middleton	Curtis Richard Baker Claire Lucille Haynes	El Dorado, Ark. Danvers
Apr. 16	Middleton	Rodney Keith Wise Rosemarie Debra Frezzette	Middleton Lawrence
May 15	Middleton	Thomas Howard Cody Caroline Lois Ruocco	Peabody Middleton
May 21	Methuen	John Anthony Ricci Florence Gertrude DeSantis	Lawrence Middleton
May 22	Middleton	Conrad Francis Wagner Andrea Jean Kilroy	Collinsville, Conn. Middleton
June 26	Salem	Anthony Charles Wheelock Donna Bernadine Dickerson	Middleton Salem

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Names of Bride and Groom	Residence
June 25	Middleton	Chester Arthur Farland, Jr. Dorothy Fay Griffin	Revere Middleton
July 16	Middleton	John Henry Brackett Barbara Louise Roberts	Ballston L., N.Y. Middleton
July 23	New London, N. H.	James Wm. Wentworth, II Mary Etta Reed	Middleton Andover, N.H.
July 30	Lynn	Lawrence Prescott June G. DeBerardinis	Middleton Middleton
Aug. 6	Middleton	George Albert Steger Cheryl Lee Hadley	Carlisle No. Reading
Aug. 7	Middleton	Gordon Robert Tilton Susan Conley	Beverly Middleton
Aug. 20	Peabody	John Waron, Jr. Patrcia Anne O'Donnell	Middleton Peabody
Sept. 2	Georgetown	Edward A. Cameron, Jr. Jane Mary Delaney	Middleton Georgetown
Sept. 6	Salem	David Harden Snow Carol Florence Pearson	Salem Middleton
Sept. 10	Salisbury	Ronald Richard Heurlin Carol Elizabeth Dolan	Hamilton Middleton
Sept. 4	Middleton	Arthur George Thompson Judith Frances Ross	Danvers Middleton
Sept. 11	Middleton	Richard Fortin Ruthann Levesque	Lawrence Middleton
Oct. 1	Danvers	Wilfred Philip Levesque Linda Marion Gilliland	Danvers Middleton
Oct. 1	Springfield	Richard Myron Sterling Susan Elizabeth Haynes	Middleton Hampden
Oct. 8	Lynnfield	Freddie Eugene Bryant Ruth Carol Castaldini	Middleton Middleton
Oct. 8	Salem	Paul Adrien Boulay Susan Lee Emerson	Salem Middleton
Oct. 15	Middleton	Dean Leslie Johnson Kathleen Ann Vagge	Fairfield, Conn. Middleton
Oct. 15	Peabody	Ronald Lawrence Deane Sally Wheeler	Middleton Danvers
Oct. 22	Lynn	Roland Edgar Clark II Beverly Jane Rae	Middleton Lynn
Oct. 23	Middleton	Steven William Casa Theresa Marie LeBlanc	No. Reading Middleton
Oct. 28	Lynnfield	Robert John O'Neill Margaret Ada Flanagan	Middleton Middleton

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Names of Bride and Groom	Residence
Nov. 4	Middleton	Lawrence William Priddin Carolyn Ruth Bouchard	Topsfield Middleton
Nov. 10	Melrose	Allan Lawrence Wade Bonnie Joan Kalloch	Middleton York, Maine
Oct. 16	Middleton	Bruce Edmund Nolin Donna Lee Beaulieu	Berlin, N.H. Danvers
Nov. 19	Middleton	David Thomas Leary Dorothy Jean LeColst	Middleton Middleton
Nov. 19	Georgetown	William Roy Hartung, Jr. Nancy Lee Paine	Georgetown Middleton
Nov. 27	North Reading	Allen Edward Raia Alice Lorraine Raza	No. Reading Middleton
Dec. 3	Middleton	Willson Robert Madden Barbara Louise Madden	Middleton Middleton
Dec. 18	Wellesley	Clifford Parkhurst Hunt Grace Holt Mayo	Middleton Wellesley
Dec. 17	Salem	Roger Frederick Ames Ellen Elaine Chapin	Middleton Hathorne
Dec. 21	Lynnfield	Milton Ronald DeBarge, Jr. Druedell Trask Frazier	Middleton Danvers

## Birth Record For 1966

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Names of Parents
Jan. 4	Pamela Jean Osgood	Donald R. Osgood Janice J. Hodsdon
Jan. 5	Norman Wm. Zimmermann	Geo. Stephen Zimmermann Ruth Jeannette Colby
Jan. 6	Erik Lee Davis	Lewis John Davis Sandra Sue Riddle
Jan. 12	Darlene Ann Muise	George Raymond Muise Martha Elizabeth McLean
Jan. 21	Leslie Lorraine Smith	Nathaniel Prescott Smith Sharlene Sylvia Spinney
Jan. 31	Deborah Leigh Dube	Paul Joseph Dube Lillian J. Ullven
Feb. 2	Laurene Ellen Gage	Edward Loring Gage Helen Theresa Cotter
Feb. 11	Thomas John Schank	Guenter F. Schank Elisabeth Bourscheidt

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Names of Parents
Feb. 22	David Earle Nelson	Earle Milton Nelson Doris Victoria Michalowski
Feb. 25	Wendy Lee Denault	Lionel Odilor Denault Jean Elizabeth DeBlais
Feb. 26	Baby Girl Dalton	Arnold E. Dalton Emilda M. Poulin
Mar. 4	Brett Austin Ballard	Lloyd F. Ballard Martha McGoldrick
Mar. 11	Thomas Paul Landers	Thomas W. Landers Cheryl L. Pickard
Mar. 12	Tina Suzanne Lane	Gerald Vincent Lane Lois Mildred Berry
Mar. 13	Rachel Joy Sanborn	Thomas Charles Sanborn Janet Anne Wright
Mar. 16	Jeniffer Dawn Kaminski	Kenneth Darrell Kaminski Jane Harriett Garron
Mar. 21	Robert Mark Clary	Richard N. Clary Patricia A. Harrison
Mar. 25	Ronald Joseph Darisse	Lionel Roland Darisse Rose Marie E. Lamarre
Mar. 27	Carol Ann Cerullo	Louis S. Cerullo Mary Ellen Normila
Mar. 28	Thomas Vance Barrett	William Barrett Doris J. Peachey
Apr. 4	Donna Marie Currier	Robert Loren Currier Dolores Ann McKenney
Apr. 4	Pamela June Goreham	David A. Goreham Arleen Lundrigan
Apr. 8	Jean Denise Daniels	Frederick P. Daniels Leslee R. Rushworth
Apr. 12	Sarah Anne Webber	Alan Edgar Webber Marilyn Grace Paine
Apr. 27	Leslie Allison Earp	Richard M. Earp Linda A. Daye
Apr. 30	Kristine Mary Miller	George William Miller Doris Louise Dunn
May 11	William Dean Henry	Herva Hermon Henry Florence M. Nelson
May 14	Mary Patricia LeDuc	Ralph W. LeDuc Margery T. Shanahan
May 20	Linda Jean Segee	Eugene Babson Segee Jean Harriet Rossiter

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Names of Parents
May 20	Lois Ann Falkowski	Alfred P. Falkowski Jean C. Skoniecki
May 24	Andrea Lee Hoosick	Frederick Lee Hoosick Caroline Thelma Maylum
May 29	Ernest Edw. Trask Pellicelli	John A. Pellicelli Dorothy M. Trask
June 4	Raymond Norman Colby III	Raymond N. Colby, Jr. Nancy Ann LeBeau
June 28	Allen Knobloch	Thomas Knobloch Alice Cecelia Boivin
July 4	Kathy Robin DeBoer	Robert Lee DeBoer Joan Reynolds
July 10	Baby Girl MacMillin	Douglas MacMillin Jane Wentworth
July 30	Joanne Carol Deveney	John F. Deveney Joan R. Caproni
Aug. 2	Brian Frederick Dullea	Leonard V. Dullea Martha M. Higgins
Aug. 4	Laurie Ann Daniels	Ernest Frederick Daniels Margaret Eileen Haynes
Aug. 5	David Stewart Floyd	Richard Gilmore Floyd, Jr. Joanne Gertrude Cunio
Aug. 9	Frank Andrew Karayianes, Jr.	Frank A. Karayianes Mary E. Atkinson
Aug. 12	Joan Allison McCarthy	John A. McCarthy Joyce Emerson
Aug. 27	Deborah Lynne Nicholson	Paul D. Nicholson Marilyn L. Gould
Aug. 28	Maria Mercadante	Richard A. Mercadante Loretta Deborah Inacio
Sept. 1	Robin Lee McCarthy	Robert G. McCarthy Anna M. Ross
Sept. 2	Kai George Vlahos	George Constantine Vlahos Christl Angelika Goebel
Sept. 7	Deborah Diane Shell	John Clifford Shell II Joanna Phillips
Sept. 30	John Wendell Hubbard	Roger W. Hubbard Mary E. Churchward
Oct. 5	Edward Parker Moulton, 3rd	Edward P. Moulton, Jr. Jacqueline A. Davison
Oct. 21	John Joseph Burke, 3rd	John J. Burke, Jr. Grace Mary London

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Names of Parents
Oct. 27	Joyce Cheryl Alcombrack	Arthur Ray Alcombrack Evaline Ann Farrar
Oct. 29	Regina Lee Scribner	Reginald Frank Scribner Marjorie Marie Ploff
Oct. 31	Barbara Ann Kruger	Henry R. Kruger, Jr. Doris L. Pelletier
Dec. 3	Tina Marie Sauvageau	Edward F. Sauvageau Joyce M. Sterner
Dec. 10	Eduards Eriks Blaus	Ilgvars Milda Blaus Olga Uldkiks

### Dog Taxes Collected — 1966

299 Male Dogs @ \$2.00 .....	\$ 598.00
79 Female Dogs @ \$5.00 .....	395.00
179 Spayed Female Dogs @ \$2.00 .....	356.00
4 Kennel Licenses @ \$10.00 .....	40.00
4 Kennel Licenses @ \$25.00 .....	100.00
1 Kennel License @ \$50.00 .....	50.00
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	\$1,539.00
Less Fees deducted	141.25
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	\$1,397.75

### Fish and Game Licenses Issued— 1966

102 Resident Citizen .....	Fishing
45 Resident Citizen .....	Hunting
35 Resident Citizen .....	Sporting
7 Resident Citizen Minor .....	Fishing
9 Resident Citizen Female .....	Fishing
1 Non Resident .....	Fishing
1 Resident Citizen .....	Trapping
4 Archery Deer Stamp	
2 Duplicate	
12 Resident Citizen Sporting (Old Age Assistance Free)	

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. MARTIN, JR.

Town Clerk



## Record of Resident Deaths In 1966

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age
Jan. 28	Grace G. Knowlton .....	40 years
Jan. 21	Sarah E. Pembroke .....	58
Feb. 27	Baby Girl Dalton .....	
Jan. 14	Pasquale Shiavoni .....	79
Mar. 24	George Henry Luscomb .....	85
Feb. 10	Cora O'Regan .....	56
Mar. 19	Charles H. Lovejoy .....	88
Apr. 26	Frank T. Potter .....	83
Mar. 27	Joseph F. Leary .....	64
Feb. 20	Minnie H. Leary .....	88
Feb. 20	Dana Sands .....	
Mar. 24	Eva Darres .....	76
Mar. 9	Effie H. Roberts .....	77
Apr. 19	Lewis O. Ryer .....	79
May 2	Victor Sauvageau .....	65
May 1	Fred Rapsunuch .....	71
May 20	Julia Monahan .....	88
May 30	Charles W. Mathison .....	71
May 29	Charles Harold Parrott .....	79
June 20	William Gorman .....	
June 23	George Nelson .....	64
June 9	Raymond Fleury .....	20
May 6	Wendy Denault .....	
July 23	Elizabeth M. Ross .....	90
July 23	Joseph Jackson .....	93
Aug. 3	Ernest J. Wood .....	76
July 11	Linda Jean MacMillin .....	
July 22	Joseph Frank LeColst .....	78
July 31	George Armistead .....	81
Sept. 23	Stephen R. Hughes .....	39
Sept. 23	Samuel O. Lindenbaum .....	67
Oct. 25	Charles I. Gould .....	83
Dec. 1	Martha Mary Larz .....	66

## LIST OF JURORS

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Mr. Charles H. Metcalf  
 Assistant Clerk of Courts  
 Salem, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Following is a list of the Jurors prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Middleton, in accordance with Chapter 234, Section 4, General Laws:

Name	Street	Occupation
Barrett, John R.	10 Lake St.	Crane Operator
Coffin, Vir W.	84 So. Main St.	Mch. Operator
Howe, Frank G.	67 Forest St.	Inspector
Kinsvater, John W.	185 Liberty St.	Prod. Supervisor
Masse, Francis X.	88 East St.	Planner
Miller, George W.	60 Liberty St.	Tool & Die Maker
Page, Arthur T., Jr.	36 East St.	Gear Assembler
Smart, Albert A .	158 Forest St.	Dispatcher
Svetin, Joseph G.	18 Mt. Vernon St.	Supervisor
Tomezykowski, Chester	42 Maple St.	Qual. Con. Tech.
Tyler, Maurice L.	29 No. Main St.	Machinist
VanNest, George A.	7 Fuller Road	Lithographer
Waite, Richard B.	21 East St.	Machinist
Wennerberg, Ebbe B.	Park Ave.	Tool Grinder
Wentworth, Edison Jr.	10 Mill St.	Tool Maker

Very truly yours,

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frank T. LeColst, Chairman  
 Robert G. Gowen, Clerk  
 Leslie E. Merrifield

## BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the  
Citizens of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as the Building Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1966.

Home building was down 13 units from 1965.

Construction for Industry, Sports and Recreation Centers was the best in many years.

The largest single unit was for an Office and Research Center for the USM Chemical Company in South Middleton. It is a very beautiful building inside and out and is a big asset to the community.

The coming year should see at least two or three new industries located here.

I would like to advise home owners that in many cases when remodeling is done on their property a permit is required, also a permit is required to install a swimming pool.

I would like at this time to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation given me by all Town Departments and the citizens of the Town of Middleton during the past year.

Permits Issued	Estimated Value
23 Dwellings .....	\$244,500.00
7 Additions .....	15,000.00
9 Re-Shingle .....	1,900.00
3 Sign .....	1,835.00
1 Office and Research .....	913,000.00
1 Office and Storage .....	8,000
1 Office and Ski Lodge .....	3,000.00
1 Indoor Tennis Court and Clubhouse .....	80,000.00
1 Apartment .....	6,500.00
4 Swimming Pools .....	5,400.75
2 Warehouses .....	6,000.00
2 Garages .....	2,800.00
3 Replace Roofs .....	680.00
1 Shop .....	3,500.00

2 Foundation Repairs .....	3,700.00
5 Tool Houses .....	1,332.00
1 Chimney .....	50.00
1 Fruit and Vegetable Stand .....	1,000.00
6 Alterations .....	7,450.00
13 Raze .....	

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\$1,305,647.75

82 Permits Issued

Amount collected in fees and turned over to  
the Town Treasurer ..... \$1,570.00

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER M. PEABODY

Building Inspector

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

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The following is a recapitulation of the money appropriated by the Town of Middleton and the estimated receipts deducted therefrom in the determination of the 1966 tax rate.

### APPROPRIATIONS

Town Appropriations	\$1,278,405.22
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds	69,052.72
Mass. Bay Transportation Authority	201.66
State Parks and Reservations	2,140.91
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	201.82
Mosquito Control	2,015.94
1965 Underestimate of Mosquito Control	1,560.08
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	346.05
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	128.90
1965 Underestimate of Metropolitan Area Planning Council	128.90
County Tax	15,271.37
Deficits due to abatements	1,040.21
School Lunches	7,537.60
Library Aid	929.50
1966 Overlay	30,959.79
Gross amount to be raised	\$1,409,920.67

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$ 68,273.98
Licenses	5,095.10
Fines	50.00
Protection of Persons and Property	1,877.50
Highways	517.39
Public Service Enterprises	270,137.00
Cemeteries	1,663.00
Interest	4,538.53
Farm Animal Excise	70.50
Middleton Electric Light (Lieu of Taxes)	13,000.00
Town of Danvers (Lieu of Taxes)	1,500.00
Cherry Sheet	212,190.04
Overestimates of previous year	826.61
Amounts voted to be taken from available funds	79,052.72
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$ 658,792.37

Gross amount to be raised	1,409,920.67
Total estimated receipts and available funds	658,792.37
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Net amount to be raised by taxation	751,128.30
Net amount to be raised by taxation on personal property	10,287.42
Net amount to be raised by taxation on real estate	740,840.88
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TOTAL VALUATION	
Personal Property	\$ 197,835.00
Real Estate	14,246,940.00
1966 Tax Rate	52.00

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL B. WAKE, Chairman

ERNEST F. LeBEAU

DONALD A. AYLWARD



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1965

Balance January 1, 1966	\$ 52,974.91	
Audit adjustment (abatement)	343.44	52,631.47
Interest		1,512.07
Collections:		
Tax		50,562.59
Interest		1,512.07
Abatements		26.40
Transferred to Tax Title Accounts		2,042.48
	\$ 54,143.54	\$ 54,143.54

### REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1966

1966 Commitment	\$740,840.88	
Interest	419.53	
*Refunds	5,760.01	
Collections:		
Tax		673,862.79
Interest		419.53
Abatements		22,249.39
Certified to Tax Title Accounts		5,581.16
Uncollected December 31, 1966		44,907.55
	\$747,020.42	\$747,020.42

\* Includes (\$737.01) Refunds for over-payment

### MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE TAXES — 1959

Recommitted 1966	\$ 16.03	
Interest	12.80	
Collections:		
Tax		16.03
Interest		12.80
	\$ 28.83	\$ 28.83

**MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE TAXES — 1963**

Recommitted 1966	\$	23.65	
Interest		7.21	
Collections:			
Tax			23.65
Interest			7.21
	\$	30.86	\$ 30.86

**MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE TAXES — 1964**

Balance January 1, 1966	\$	816.30	
Recommitted 1966		114.95	
Interest		121.42	
Collections:			
Tax			787.68
Interest			121.42
Abatements			129.54
Uncollected December 31, 1966			14.03
	\$	1,052.67	\$ 1,052.67

**MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE TAXES — 1965**

Balance January 1, 1966	\$	8,038.96	
Committed 1966		5,495.21	
Interest		418.35	
Refunds		701.82	
Collections:			
Tax			10,927.02
Interest			418.35
Abatements			2,190.96
Uncollected December 31, 1966			1,118.01
	\$	14,654.34	\$ 14,654.34

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**MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE TAXES — 1966**

1966 Commitment	\$ 80,358.86	
Interest	137.35	
Refunds	1,969.43	
Collections:		
Tax		64,188.02
Interest		137.35
Abatements		5,518.87
Uncollected December 31, 1966		12,621.40
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	\$ 82,465.64	\$ 82,465.64
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**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES — 1964**

Balance January 1, 1966	\$ 259.74	
Interest	9.24	
Collections:		
Tax		138.84
Interest		9.24
Uncollected December 31, 1966		120.90
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	\$ 268.98	\$ 268.98
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**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES — 1965**

Balance January 1, 1966	\$ 899.80	
Interest	20.53	
Collections:		
Tax		563.20
Interest		20.53
Abatements		202.84
Uncollected December 31, 1966		133.76
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	\$ 920.33	\$ 920.33
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**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES — 1966**

*1966 Commitment	\$ 11,532.82	
Interest	1.83	
Collections:		
Tax		9,510.02
Interest		1.83
Abatements		7.80
Uncollected December 31, 1966		2,015.00
	<u>\$ 11,534.65</u>	<u>\$ 11,534.65</u>

\* December Commitment \$1,245.40

**FARM ANIMAL EXCISE TAXES — 1964**

Balance January 1, 1966	\$ 19.37	
Uncollected December 31, 1966		19.37
	<u>\$ 19.37</u>	<u>\$ 19.37</u>

**FARM ANIMAL EXCISE TAXES — 1965**

Balance January 1, 1966	\$ 18.75	
Uncollected December 31, 1966		18.75
	<u>\$ 18.75</u>	<u>\$ 18.75</u>

**FARM ANIMAL EXCISE TAXES — 1966**

Committed 1966	\$ 35.25	
Interest	.10	
Collections:		
Tax		13.50
Interest		.10
Uncollected December 31, 1966		21.75
	<u>\$ 35.35</u>	<u>\$ 35.35</u>

**WATER LIEN ACCOUNTS — 1965**

Balance January 1, 1966	\$ 196.80	
Collections		196.80
	<u>\$ 196.80</u>	<u>\$ 196.80</u>

## WATER LIEN ACCOUNTS — 1966

Committed	\$ 659.53	
Collections		579.97
Uncollected December 31, 1966		79.56
	<u>\$ 659.53</u>	<u>\$ 659.53</u>

## SUMMARY AND COMPARISON

1962-1966 Inclusive

## COMMITMENTS

	1962	1966	Increase
Real Estate Taxes	\$506,612.92	\$740,840.88	\$234,227.96
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	67,217.33	86,008.70	18,791.37
*Poll Taxes	2,014.00	.....	2,014.00**
Personal Property Taxes	12,376.34	11,532.82	843.52**
Farm Animal Excise Taxes	265.00	35.25	229.75**
Water Lien Accounts	461.53	659.53	198.00
Total Increase	<u>\$588,947.12</u>	<u>\$839,077.18</u>	<u>\$250,130.06</u>

\* Discontinued 1963

\*\* Decrease

## COLLECTIONS

	1962	1966	Increase
Real Estate Taxes	\$484,598.86	\$726,356.98	\$241,758.12
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	62,808.13	76,639.53	13,831.40
*Poll Taxes	1,687.91	.....	1,687.91**
Personal Property Taxes	12,741.13	10,243.66	2,497.47**
Farm Animal Excise Taxes	264.70	13.60	251.10**
Water Lien Accounts	167.25	776.77	609.52
Total Increase	<u>\$562,267.98</u>	<u>\$814,030.54</u>	<u>\$251,762.56</u>

\* Discontinued 1963

\*\* Decrease

The above Summary and Comparison covers a five year period from 1962 to 1966 inclusive. During this time, Tax Commitments have increased \$250,130.06 with a corresponding increase in collections of \$251,762.56.

During the past year, there have been many problems in the collection of Taxes which have resulted in Attachments, Tax Takings, and Collection by Suit under the provisions of Chapter 60, Section 35.

As of December 31st, this year, Taxes were 92.7% collected. Real Estate Taxes were 93.9% collected. In each case, this represents a slight gain over the previous year 1965. Interest collected on overdue Taxes, as required by Law, amounted to \$2,660.43 as compared to \$2,248.99 collected in 1965. The interest rate on overdue Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes is now 6%.

To various Departments, Officials, and Citizens of the Town, I extend my thanks for co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. TYLER,

Collector of Taxes



## PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The year 1966 has shown much progress.

The Park to be known as the JOHN HOCTER PARK will be usable for the Little League this coming spring.

A gift of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre of land at the East Street Pool will greatly increase that facility for both swimming and swimming classes.

We anticipate having a good skating area for the coming year.

We wish to thank the various Departments for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST R. GOULD,

Park Superintendent

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the  
citizens of the town of Middleton

The Conservation Commission respectfully submits its report  
for the year ending December 31, 1966.

The Conservation Commission feels that the natural resources  
in a town such as ours can best be enjoyed by gainfully employing  
good multiple-use programs.

During the year, the Conservation Commission has worked  
with state and federal agencies as well as other town bodies in  
an endeavor to initiate programs that can be best suited to our  
wetlands, waterways, woodlands, and historical sites. Regular  
meetings were held at Memorial Hall each second Tuesday of the  
month.

In April, members of the Commission accompanied by members  
of other town bodies, made a canoe trip down the Ipswich River  
to observe the conditions of the river and surrounding landscape  
in preparation for projects of the future.

The Town Common and Park project has been of major interest  
during the year. As a result of a study made by the Commission,  
it was found that the town would be reimbursed a total of 75%  
of the costs by state and federal agencies. The primary concern  
at this time is the procurement of property in the area of the  
proposed common and park.

Much time and effort has been spent on the study and in the  
preparation that is necessary prior to the application for assistance.  
At present, the application is being prepared in anticipation of  
continuing this project.

Respectfully submitted

Henry N. Sawyer, Chairman

Francis E. Gorham

Thomas Manning

John Comack

Leonard W. Kupreance

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the

Citizens of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the Middleton Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1966.

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### DEPARTMENT ROSTER

James W. Wentworth, Chief of Police

Lloyd H. Getchell, Sergeant

Edward J. Richardson, Patrolman

### REGULAR SPECIALS

Arthur G. Doane

Peter F. Mugford

William C. Pennock

Robert T. Peachey

David W. DiTomaso

Douglas K. MacMillin

Robert Hurd

### OFFENSES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

Being abroad in the night-time .....	2
Breaking and entering in the day-time .....	2
Breaking and entering in the night-time .....	3
Disturbing the peace .....	2
Drunkenness .....	30
Escaped persons .....	3
Fugitive from justice .....	2
Insane persons .....	4
Larceny .....	1
Leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage	1
Non-support .....	2
Operating a motor vehicle after suspension of license .....	1
Operating a motor vehicle without registration in possession ....	2
Operating a motor vehicle without license in possession .....	2
Operating a motor vehicle while under influence of liquor .....	3
Possession of stolen property .....	2
Runaway .....	1
School Truants .....	2

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Speeding .....	2
Using a motor vehicle without authority .....	1
Violation of parole .....	1
Vagrant .....	1
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TOTAL .....	74

### MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES FOR WHICH COMPLAINTS WERE ISSUED

Alcoholic beverages in a motor vehicle under the control of a minor .....	6
Attaching improper plates .....	1
Illegal turns .....	5
Operating an uninsured motor vehicle .....	4
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle .....	4
Operating a motor vehicle so as to endanger .....	2
Operating a motor vehicle without a valid license .....	3
Passing while view obstructed .....	13
Periodic Inspection sticker .....	7
Speeding .....	79
Stop Sign .....	4
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TOTAL .....	128

### OFFENSES ON FILE AND WARNINGS ISSUED

Allowing an improper person to operate a motor vehicle .....	1
Defective equipment .....	8
Failure to display lights .....	3
Failure to disburse .....	1
Failure to keep right .....	5
Failure to stop for a police officer .....	3
Failure to slow at an intersection .....	2
Failure to use care in starting .....	4
Following too close .....	1
Illegal discharge of firearms .....	1
Improper display of plates .....	2
Operating without a license in possession .....	16
Operating without a registration in possession .....	10
Operating without a valid license .....	2
Passing with view obstructed .....	10
Periodic Inspection sticker .....	5
Speeding .....	231
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TOTAL .....	305

## MISCELLANEOUS

Accidental deaths .....	2
Ambulance cases .....	106
Automobile accidents investigated .....	87
Automobile accidents reported — not investigated .....	110
Complaints received and investigated .....	730
Cruiser cases .....	65
Dogs killed by motor vehicles .....	12
Dogs shot by police department .....	2
Escaped persons returned to Danvers State Hospital .....	3
Equipment tags issued for defective equipment .....	120
Fire alarms that Police responded to .....	248
Messages delivered .....	123
Missing and lost persons found .....	14
Summons and warrants served .....	312
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1938</b>

Turned over to the Town Treasurer for fire-arms permits .... \$48.00  
 Stolen property recovered and restitution ..... \$16,675.33

There were 45 residents who lost their drivers licenses as a result of improper motor vehicle operation.

There were three murders investigated by this Department in 1966. Investigation revealed that one of the murders was committed out of Town, and the parties responsible were apprehended, and turned over to the proper authorities. Officers of this Department made several appearances in Suffolk Superior Court as a result of this investigation. Two other murders are stil under investigation at this time.

As in the past the Police Department has conducted many investigations not listed above which have been settled satisfactorily to all concerned without making arrests or going to court.

In closing the men are to be commended for their prompt response and their efficiency of operation. A sincere thanks is extended to the State Police, Officials of the Town of Middleton and the Board of Selectmen as well as the Townspeople. To all those who have assisted this department in any way, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. WENTWORTH

Chief of Police

# DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the

Citizens of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer for the year ending December 31, 1966.

Complaints received and investigated .....	73
Delinquent dog license fees .....	218
Delinquent dog license fees to be collected as of this date .....	23
Dogs placed in pound .....	25
Dogs restrained .....	7
Dogs returned to rightful owners .....	16
Poultry and animals killed or injured by dogs .....	8
Report of dog bites .....	21
Stray dogs disposed of .....	14
Miscellaneous cases .....	49

In making this report I would like to point out that 372 miles were traveled in the investigation of various dog complaints. Those persons who have not paid their 1966 dog license fees will be notified to do so in lieu of suffering the penalty of Chapter 140, Section 138 of the Dog Laws.

I wish to notify all dog owners that their dog licenses are due on April 1, 1966 and payable to the Town Clerk. Chapter 140, Section 138, being the (owner) of a dog 3 months old after March 31st and you did not cause it to be licensed. (Penalty \$15.00 each).

In closing I would like to extend my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department, the Town Clerk and all dog owners for their spirit and cooperation shown during the year 1966.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. OHLSON

Dog Officer

## BOARD OF APPEALS

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the

Citizens of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

The Board of Appeals respectfully submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1966.

During the year, 11 regular meetings and 2 special meetings were held to consider 18 petitions. Thirteen petitions were granted, including two requests for approval of commercial and industrial plans under the new zoning bylaw.

Two petitions were withdrawn, 2 were dismissed and 1 petition was denied.

Regular meetings are held at Memorial Hall, South Main Street, on the second Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m.

All applications for Public Hearing MUST be in the hands of the Board of Appeals Clerk and MUST include the names and addresses of all abutters concerned, if any, at least 20 days before regular meeting nights in order to properly process said applications and have said applications published, as the law requires, at least 14 days before the hearing is held.

All applications for Public Hearings MUST be filed at the Town Clerk's Office. At the time of filing with the Town Clerk, the petitioner MUST send notice to the Building Inspector, and the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Dolan, Chairman  
Thomas Black, Jr., Clerk  
Walter Clinton  
Nathan Hayward, Jr.  
Lionel Barrows  
Ebbe Wennerberg, Alternate  
Joseph Pickard, Alternate



## MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT REPORT

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Honorable Board of Selectmen and the  
Citizens of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

The Board of Electric Light Commissioners respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1966.

During the year, regular and special meetings were held by this Board at its office on South Main Street.

The Department purchased 11,481,970 kwh of electricity at a cost of \$139,082.87. Our system's peak demand occurred on Dec. 15 and was 2784 kw. This represents an increase of 15.9% over 1965.

Twenty-one new three wire services have been installed. One new four wire three phase service has been installed. Ten services were converted from two wire to three wire. Five temporary services were installed and one service was converted from three wire single phase to four wire three phase. 6071 feet of new primary distribution has been constructed including 1300 feet of three phase spacer cable.

Poles and lines were relocated on Forest Street and Lake Street to conform with Highway Construction projects.

Street light modernization program was continued including the conversion of fourteen 2500 lumen, 189w incandescent lights to 100w mercury vapor to provide better light output at lower power cost to Town.

Street Light Service and Power was supplied to the Town by the Municipal Electric Department at a savings of \$10,395.00, less than the rates charged by the private power company serving other nearby communities.

A reduced residential electric rate was effected in April to reduce cost of power to Town residents by \$10,660.00 annually. Two new rates were established for Residential Total Electric Service and for Commercial Electric Heating Service. The Department has joined with four other adjoining Municipal Electric Departments to form Middlesex Essex Power Pool Committee, an organization whose prime objective is the study and exploration of sources and establishments of contracts for lowest cost wholesale power.

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In 1966, the Department assumed its employers share cost of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage, thus relieving the Town's General Expense of this burden of \$685.00. The Department also assumed the \$435.00 cost of Interior Painting of the Town Office Building in addition to the Department's usual rental payment for space occupied in the building.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Town officials, and all other Town Departments and our consumers for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Electric Light Commissioners

FRANK E. DOW

RICHARD O. AJOOTIAN

ROBERT W. FOX

## INSPECTOR OF WIRES REPORT

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Board of Selectmen  
Middleton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Wire Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1966.

There were 106 permits issued consisting of the following: 22 New Services; 10 changes from 110 Volts to 3-Wire 110/220 Volt Services due to increase in load; 5 temporary services; one 3 Phase 4-Wire Service; 68 permits for additional wiring including oil burners, dryers, air conditioners, a large factory, a night club, a golf course and a ski club.

All wiring has been inspected up to date with the exception of twenty-six jobs which are not finished or are still under construction.

A total of over 106 calls have been made since January 1, 1966 covering 900 miles. There were many calls made at the request of those planning to have electrical work installed and wanting information.

I would like to impress upon the Townspeople that it is very important, when having additional wiring done, to have the main distribution checked by a competent licensed electrician to make sure that they are not overloaded. It does not pay to have a friend do the job and not have it checked. It is for their safety that electrical work be inspected. I have found many homes with their service overloaded.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Electric Light Department and the people of Middleton for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MILBURY

Inspector of Wires

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

January 17, 1967

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and the  
Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

I hereby submit my Annual Report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1966.

The Fire Department personnel consists of a permanent Chief, and Deputy-Chief, and a call force of a Captain, four Lieutenants, and twenty-one privates for a total of twenty-eight men.

The Fire Department answered 260 calls in 1966. They were as follows:

Buildings .....	25
Automobiles .....	17
Brush, woods, rubbish, grass .....	58
Dumps .....	17
Oil Burners .....	4
Electrical .....	3
Chimneys .....	2
Ovens and Stoves .....	3
Washing Machines and Dryers .....	1
Miscellaneous (Accidents, Etc.) .....	9
Out of Town (Mutual Aid) .....	16
Service Calls .....	40
Rescue Calls .....	14
Investigations (Smoke, Gas, Etc.) .....	22
Assist Police .....	15
Needless Alarms .....	7
False Alarms .....	7

<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>
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Box Alarms .....	93
Still Alarms .....	167

<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>
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Inspections and Permits Granted for the following:

Permits to Burn .....	760
Oil Burners .....	17
Explosives .....	4
Fireworks .....	0

<b>Total</b>	<b>781</b>
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All Town buildings, and churches were inspected, as well as both elementary schools, and nursery school. All gasoline stations, and garages were inspected this past year.

The equipment of the department is generally in good repair. The new pumper voted in March, 1965, was delivered and put in service in February, 1966. We are critically short of 2½ inch hose, due to loading new Engine 3. We should have at least 2,000 feet of dry hose on hand to replace hose used at a fire, so we can get the apparatus back in service quickly.

The Fire Alarm system is in good repair. At the rate the system is growing, we will soon be in need of new central office equipment, as our two circuit unit is rapidly becoming overloaded. We added six new boxes to the system this past year. They are boxes 334-335-336-433, in the Brigadoon area, bought and installed by the developer. Also box 531 at the pumping station on Lake Street, purchased by the Danvers Water Department, and box 412 on River Street. We now have 37 boxes out on the streets of the Town.

I strongly feel that all Town buildings should have fire detection systems tied into the Fire Alarm System.

Our Drill School now in its twelfth year is well attended at all sessions. Eighteen men renewed their advanced First Aid cards this past year.

As mentioned in my report of last week concerning manpower during the hours between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., weekdays, I have inserted an article in the Annual Warrant requesting wages for one permanent man for the Fire Department this year.

Again I urgently request that the Citizens of the Town dial 774-2211 for FIRE, or EMERGENCIES, and not the operator. We again had several instances of calls going to the Danvers Fire Department, causing unnecessary delays. If there is a Fire Alarm Box in your area use it. This is the most dependable way to notify the Fire Department.

To the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads, and the Citizens of the Town, I thank you for your cooperation during the past year.

To the officers, and men, I thank you for your continued sincere cooperation to make the Fire Department a credit to the Town of Middleton.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. PURDY, Chief

## WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the  
Citizens of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

Herewith is submitted our Annual Report as your Water Board.

During the year regular meetings were held by the Board at Memorial Hall. This year again only necessary maintenance was done by the Department as the Board, in conjunction with the Water Survey Committee, is still working on a proposed Water System for the Town. It was necessary to replace a few hydrants within the System as they were leaking underground and were not repairable. The Board issued twenty permits for new water services and replacements.

This past year has been a very busy one for the Water Board with many meetings being held to do routine business and also to process our application for a Federal Grant in order to prepare this work in time to meet deadlines set by the Federal Government.

This year the Board was successful in obtaining a Federal Grant of some \$700,000 to be used for a town-wide Water System. First notification of this came on November 17, 1966.

In December the Board was asked by the Government to furnish a Bonding Counsel's opinion as to the validity of the Bonding authority in the event that the Town passed the proposed project and bonds were to be sold. It was then discovered that the original Act required an Amendment to clarify the legal language. As a result, the Board on advice of our Engineer, a Bonding Counsel, and the Town Counsel, prepared an Amendment to clarify the legal language. This did not change the Act or any of the original requirements of the Act of 1965, the only change being legal language to satisfy Bonding Counsel in order to sell bonds.

Any action on the final outcome of the proposed Water System lies in the hands of the voters and any work done by the Board of Water Commissioners is in the form of groundwork necessary to present this plan to the Town for their acceptance or rejection.

The Board believes that the proposed Water System is in the

best interests of the Town and hopes that when it is presented to the voters it will be accepted.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Water Survey Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and all of the Town Departments for their help and cooperation during the past year; and also the Danvers Water Board and Mr. Vernon C. Russell, Supt. of the Danvers Water Department — for their cooperation.

#### BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

William J. Hocter, Chairman

George W. Nash, Clerk

Benjamin K. Richardson



## REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton.

I hereby submit my report for the year of 1966.

### SNOW REMOVAL

Snow removal money was expended as follows:

Labor .....	\$ 7,730.70
Hired Equipment .....	8,430.50
Town Equipment .....	1,863.40
Sand .....	1,447.42
Salt .....	958.37
Snow Plow Blades and Parts .....	1,134.72
Mass. Public Works .....	21.03
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	\$21,586.14

### CHAPTER 81

The usual Patching, Drainage, and general Maintenance work was done and the following Streets were resurfaced:

Essex Street .....	.75 miles
Lake Street .....	.30 miles
Liberty Street .....	1.00 miles
Locust Street .....	1.28 miles
Lakeview Road .....	.20 miles
Spring Road .....	.07 miles
Acorn Street .....	.10 miles
Pinedale Road .....	.25 miles
Wennerberg Road .....	.25 miles

### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Work was slowed down on Forest Street because we have been waiting for the Power Company to move their poles. This work is being done so we will be able to go ahead in the Spring.

### CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

This money was expended on Maple and Boston Streets.

### GENERAL HIGHWAY

General highway work consisted of patching drainage, cleaning streets, and all other work not covered by Chapter 81.

### STORM DRAINS

This money was expended on Meagher Street.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN G. MARSHALL

Highway Surveyor

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

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I herewith submit my report for the calendar year of 1966 to the Board of Health and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

Permits granted for sewage disposal installations .....	28
Installations inspected and approved .....	15
Installations not completed .....	13
Fees for permits paid to Town Treasurer .....	\$292.00
Complaints of unsanitary conditions investigated .....	19
Water tests taken at public bathing areas .....	33
Contagious diseases reported .....	23
Animal bites reported to Board of Health .....	6
Food serving establishments inspected .....	12
Travel vaccination visas approved .....	8

Several conferences have been held with state officials relative to health matters requiring state approval.

At the request of the Agent the Board of Health has adopted a fee schedule similar to surrounding communities to help to reduce Board of Health expenses.

I thank the citizens and town officials for their continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEYLAND A. PHILLIPS

Agent

## RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Recreation Committee has spearheaded a gift of a 34,000 square foot piece of land at the town beach at Thunder Bridge, helped set up an inventory resource study of the town and administered the first town sponsored swimming program in 1966.

The Committee has also proposed that the name of the 10-acre park behind Brigadoon be the John Hocter Memorial Park, in memory of the town's first park superintendent and former Highway Surveyor.

During the summer of 1966, eighty children enrolled in the first swimming program and fifty-seven received certificates after four weeks of instruction.

Two full-time lifeguards and two instructors were employed in the program.

Also used for the instruction was the Lynn Boys' Club pool, generously permitted to us through the courtesy of Executive Director George Nihan.

The Committee continues the search for available town land to be set aside for future recreation use and is working on several possible land gifts to the town.

Signed:

Mrs. Norman Nathan  
Mrs. William Keating  
Mrs. John Hocter  
Richard O. Ajootian  
Thomas Manning  
E. Raymond Gould

## REPORT OF THE TREE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The tree dpeartment has had a busy year.

We have answered sixty-five calls for poison ivy spray, in addition to spraying the streets for control of insects.

About eighty elms were removed under the Dutch Elm program.

New trees were planted on Webb Street, Essex Street and Forest Street.

In the coming year we plan to move some trees that are too close together to more suitable locations.

In cooperation with the Highway Department brush was cut back on several corners that were dangerous. In addition, approximately fifty-three trees were removed on River Street that were a hazard to traffic.

We thank the various departments for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST R. GOULD

Tree Warden

## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the

Citizens of the Town of Middleton  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Middleton.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Plumbing companies and the residents of the Town of Middleton for their cooperation.

Permits may be obtained at 246 Essex Street, at 64 Essex Street, or by calling 774-3376.

Permits issued ..... 19

Fees collected and turned over to Town Treasurer \$185.50

Respectfully submitted,

BURT HURD

Plumbing Inspector

**REPORT OF GAS INSPECTOR**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the  
Citizens of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Gas Inspector for the  
Town of Middleton.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of  
Selectmen, the gas companies and the residents of the Town of  
Middleton for their cooperation.

Permits may be obtained at 246 Essex Street, at 64 Essex  
Street or by calling 774-3376.

Permits issued ..... 45

Fees collected and turned over to Town Treasurer \$166.50

Respectfully submitted,

BURT HURD

Gas Inspector

## VETERANS' SERVICES

Board of Selectmen  
Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit this report of the Department of Veterans' Services for the year of 1966.

General Benefits	Expended
Fuel	
Doctor	
Dentist	
Hospital	
Medication	
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,177.28
Agent's Salary	750.00
Department Expense	
Postage	
Dues	
Conferences	
Agent's Meetings	
Mileage	
Miscellaneous	221.00
Total Expended 1966	
General Benefits \$4,177.28	Return from State \$2,088.64

ERNEST F. LeBEAU



## REPORT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

The Industrial Development Commission respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1966.

During the past year, members of our Commission have held meetings with several concerns interested in industrial sites in Middleton. Among these were representatives from the R & K Precision Company, which has already broken ground for a new Manufacturing Plant on Route 114.

The USM Chemical Company has completed a very attractive new Administrative Building next to their other older buildings in South Middleton. This new addition is an asset to the town.

There have been other serious inquiries from Industrial Concerns regarding location in the town but no final decisions have been reported as yet.

Because of the fact that the Master Plan was not completed until later on in the year, our efforts toward advertising suitable, properly zoned land were temporarily hampered; however, the Commission is now in a position to pursue its activities, and we are very hopeful that more businesses will be attracted to Middleton.

We have had several meetings during the year which have been productive of many good suggestions and ideas.

We wish to thank the various Departments of the town who have cooperated with the Commission and have been of assistance in many ways.

We will always be glad to receive suggestions from any citizen alerting us to any information that would be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. George J. Haykal, Chairman

Henry G. Roberge

Lionel Barrows

Robert G. Gowen

Helen F. Richardson, Secretary

## REPORT OF HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the  
Citizens of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

The Middleton Housing Authority respectfully submits its first annual report for the year ending December 31, 1966.

The Housing Authority, or Housing for the Aged, is a self supporting State bonded function which requires no funds from the Town of Middleton. It was organized in January of 1965 and is normally composed of five members. We meet on the 4th Monday of each month and in recent months have had one to two special meetings each month. On May 5, 1966 we signed for our first bonding with the First National Bank of Boston for a sum of \$405,002.00. In June of 1966 we re-invested this money and at present have realized in excess of \$8,000.00 interest.

At this time we are nearing completion of phase two for our first project which will go to bid in February of this year. It will be composed of 30 units, and we hope a community building. Construction is to be started in late spring and occupancy is planned for late in 1967.

The site selected and purchased is located on Route 114 just North of Wennerberg Road. It is 3.28 acres in size and will contain six buildings, if the community building is included. The buildings will be brick faced colonials with ground floor and second floor apartments.

The Housing Authority would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Town Departments for their co-operation throughout the period of our organization and development.

Also, we would like to express our regrets at losing Mr. Harold Moore as secretary of our Authority. Mr. Moore was most active during the preliminary periods when much correspondence and foot work was required. It was necessary for Mr. Moore to make a move to Topsfield due to a change of position, and according to State Law this required resignation from the board.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Charles S. Clinch, Jr., Chairman

Carl A. Peterson, Vice Chairman

Richard G. Floyd, Jr., Sec.-Treas.

Lennart Winquist, Assistant Treasurer

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the  
Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

Because of impassable conditions in the Spring and Fall, another installment of approximately 275 feet of hot topping along the main avenues was completed. Several additional areas need to be hot topped to complete the project.

Approximately 900 bulbs were planted on the hillside at the lower gate to help beautify the entrance.

Land clearing for future expansion has started. Several old roads have been eliminated and grassed in, which makes for easier maintenance.

The purchase of the new power mower has aided greatly in the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds. A successful soil nourishing project was carried out.

We are devoting most of our efforts to a systematic contouring of the old section of the cemetery to facilitate the efficient use of a power mower.

We now have our own greens and lowering device which eliminates renting the equipment.

We extend our thanks to the Highway Department and the Electric Light Department for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL LAVORGNA  
EDWARD J. RICHARDSON  
JOHN A. PELLICELLI

Cemetery Commissioners

## THE CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT, Middleton Division

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the  
Citizens of the Town of Middleton

Report for the year ending December 31, 1966

Aid to Families with Dependent Children .....	10	23 Children
Disability Assistance .....	6	
Medical Assistance .....	72	
Old Age Assistance .....	21	
General Relief .....	1	

The trend toward change and liberalization in Public Welfare which became evident in 1962 with the requirement by the federal government to provide social services as well as assistance payments continued in 1966. The trend is also toward less and less stringent eligibility requirements in certain programs and is reflected in the above listed case-count. In spite of a decrease compared to 1965 in the three programs allowing monthly cash subsistence payments (Old Age Assistance, Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Disability Assistance), the overall total, seventy-two, for all programs, remained the same because of a proportionate increase in cases in the Medical Assistance Program.

Perhaps the single most important advance in social welfare, apart from the institution of Medicare in July, was the initiation of Title XIX of the 1965 Amendments to the Social Security Act. This program, popularly known as Medicaid or Medical Assistance replaced Medical Assistance to the Aged which applied only to those 65 years of age or over. It became effective in September 1966 and allows payments for medical care to many who have heretofore been excluded from other forms of public assistance. In many respects, it can be viewed as a handmaiden to Medicare, since, for recipients over 65 it will pay for all medical care not covered by Medicare and for those under 65, it will provide complete medical coverage. The program also pays medical costs for those receiving public aid under the Old Age Assistance, Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Disability Assistance programs. In effect, these recipients are receiving two forms of assistance, both heavily subsidized by the Federal Government. The following is an example of an

income group to whom the program could be helpful - Families of 4 who have a net annual income of \$4,044.00 will qualify for assistance, within certain limits. The town's share of the cost of the program is 16-2/3% - the state's 33-1/3% - federal government - 50%.

Concomitant with advances within the various programs and the extension of coverage to a wider range of income groups is the increased overall cost of maintaining public welfare programs. In 1966, among specific contributing factors were the constantly rising costs of medical services. Hospital and nursing home rates were raised, as well as fees for specialists, consultants, general practitioners, podiatrists, nursing services and laboratory tests. In addition, in those welfare categories which provide cash grants, Old Age Assistance; Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Disability Assistance, monthly budget payments were raised to allow for a higher level of subsistence.

The Board wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and all other town officers, the Community Nurse and the townspeople for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. MERRIFIELD, Chairman

LEYLAND A. PHILLIPS

GEORGE M. FARLEY

LEO JEGHELIAN, Director

## Final Report of the Fuller Meadow School Building Committee

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The Fuller Meadow School has been occupied by the children of Middleton since January, 1965. It provides ten (10) classrooms and core facilities, including the library, cafeteria, auditorium, kitchen, administrative offices, boiler room, storage, and playground adequate for a twenty-classroom school. The school is so designed that an additional ten classrooms may be added at a minimum cost. Although the school is now town property, the School Building Committee has remained in force until this date to insure continuity in dealing with the architect and builder in the matter of contract items.

The committee would like to praise the Planning Board for their fore-thought in making it possible for the Town to purchase the eleven (11) acre school site from the Brigadoon Developers at a cost of \$1.00, plus \$43.80 for the title search.

It was agreed that the new school would be constructed on this site, since it closely approximated the center of the predicted population increase.

Questionnaires were sent to many architectural firms; and after screening, seven architects were invited to be interviewed by the Committee. These interviews narrowed the field to three architects. Questionnaires were sent to those towns where schools had been built by these architects. Many of these schools were visited by the Committee, and subsequently, Stoner Associates was the firm chosen as the architect.

### CHRONOLOGY:

1960 - A Committee reported on enrollment projections at the annual town meeting

	Projected growth growth pattern	Actual Enrollment
(Grades 1-6)	1961 - 454	1961 - 450
	1962 - 474	1962 - 481
	1963 - 495	1963 - 487
	1964 - 517	1964 - 516
	1965 - 540	1965 - 551
	1966 - 564	1966 - 532
	1967 - 589	1967 -



- 1961 - (June 20) At a special Town Meeting, the Town voted to form a school building committee, and the following men were appointed:

James Coffin, Chairman - Citizen  
George E. Port, Jr., Secretary - Supt. of Schools  
Robert Gowen - Selectman  
Louis Barrett - Planning Board  
Norman Nathan - School Committee  
Samuel Armitage - Citizen  
Robert Fox - Citizen

- 1962 - (March 13) The Town voted to authorize the Committee to spend \$5,000 - a preliminary survey and site plan.
- 1962 - (November 13) An article to provide \$385,000 for a twelve-room expandable school, including two rooms for a kindergarten, was defeated at a Special Town Meeting.
- 1963 - (March 12) The Town voted to appropriate \$13,000 to enable the Committee to obtain final drawings and bid specifications at the Annual Town Meeting.
- 1963 - (July) Norman Nathan resigned from the Committee due to a change in his working hours. He was replaced by Francis Masse.
- 1963 - (August 19) Bids were advertised.
- 1963 - (September 23) Sub bids were opened.
- 1963 - (September 27) Met with the School Building Assistance Commission in Boston and received tentative agreement on a grant to the Town of Middleton.
- 1963 - (September 27) General Contractors Bids were opened.
- 1963 - (October 8) At a Special Town Meeting the Committee presented an article for \$435,000 for a ten-room expandable elementary school with core facilities, which passed.
- 1963 - (October 17) Received final approval of a grant by School Building Assistance Commission.
- 1963 - (October 30) Sub-contracts were awarded. Connolly Brothers, Inc., Beverly Farms, Mass., was accepted as the general contractor.
- 1963 - (November 20) Construction was started. The target date for completion was September, 1964. As work progressed, it became apparent that the school would not be ready for occupancy in September, so a new target date of December, 1964, was established.
- 1964 - (December 13) The school was formally turned over to the Town of Middleton at an Open House Program. Since the



school is located on part of the "Old Fuller Meadow," the name Fuller Meadow School was chosen from the many names submitted by townspeople. The auditorium was named for Miss Fannie C. Hinkley, a teacher who had served the Town of Middleton for 43 years.

- 1965 - (January 4) The Fuller Meadow School was occupied by all first and second year pupils and the ungraded class.
- 1965 - During the entire year the Committee continued to hold monthly meetings to solve problems and to see that all contracts were complied with.
- 1966 - Continued to hold monthly meetings to work toward termination of the project.
- 1967 - (February) The Fuller Meadow School is completed in all respects, and the final report of the School Building Committee is submitted to the Selectmen for approval.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Breakdown of costs	Budget	Expended	Balance
Architect	\$ 29,528.00	\$ 31,289.43	—\$ 1,761.43
Construction	365,559.00	365,292.44	266.56
Contingency	10,186.00	6,153.74	4,032.26
Equipment	47,727.00	48,678.75	— 951.75
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	\$453,000.00	\$451,414.36	\$ 1,585.64

Comparison of costs with other schools per square foot

		Occupied
Fuller Meadow	\$16.00 per. sq. ft.	1/65
Spofford Pond, Boxford	15.60	9/64
Linebrook, Ipswich	16.80	9/65
Elem., Plainville	17.40	9/65
Elem., Hopkinton	16.25	9/65

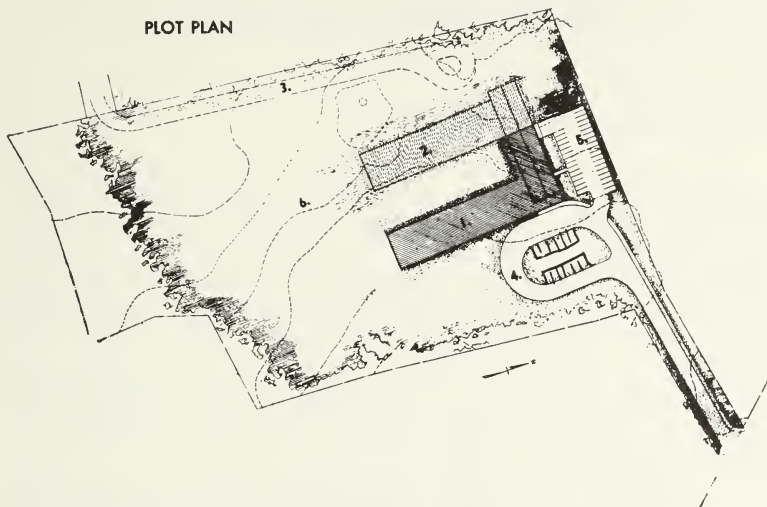
#### SUMMARY

The Fuller Meadow School represents a great outlay of time and energy on the part of the members of the School Building Committee. The Committee met over 100 times during the course of planning and construction; 55 times with the architect and builder, plus several times with the Massachusetts State Building Assistance Commission in Boston. Also more than 100 on-site inspections were made by individual members during the construction phase.

The Committee has constantly striven to keep costs at a minimum; all cost estimates and alternates were critically inspected so as to realize the best possible value for each dollar invested. The Fuller Meadow School is a functional school with very few frills, yet is constructed for permanency and minimum maintenance.

We are proud that we were able to stay within the allotted budget.

MR. JAMES COFFIN, Chairman  
MR. ROBERT GOWEN  
MR. FRANCIS MASSE  
MR. LOUIS BARETT  
MR. ROBERT FOX



## FULLER MEADOW SCHOOL LEGEND FOR PLOT PLAN

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Proposed elementary school | 5. Parking and service |
| 2. Future addition            | 6. Play area           |
| 3. Future access way          | 7. South Main Street   |
| 4. Bus turnaround             |                        |

The site plan shows the location of the school with the entrance driveway from Route 114. Provision for future expansion of 10 classrooms and a playroom is shown. The soil has been tested by the State Department of Public Health and approved for sewage disposal purposes. The site is presently owned by the Town. Future secondary entrance is planned from the "Brigadoon" housing development.

The construction of the building is brick and steel for durability and low maintenance costs. Interior partitions are masonry, glazed in toilet rooms in corridors. Floors are asphalt tile on concrete except in toilet rooms which are ceramic tile. Roofing is a tar and gravel "built-up" bonded type with copper flashings on a non-combustible deck. Heating is by hot water with No. 5 oil-fired cast iron boilers.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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To the Citizens of Middleton:

The Board of Selectmen respectfully submit their Annual report for the year ending December 31, 1966. Regular meetings of this Board have been held every Tuesday at 8 P.M., except during July and August, when a summer schedule of every other Tuesday was in effect. All meetings were held at the Selectmen's Office, Memorial Hall, So. Main Street. This Board also functions as the Board of Health, Licensing Authority and Police Commissioners.

Two Town Meetings were held during 1966. The Regular Town Meeting on March 15, 1966, and a special Town Meeting on December 20, 1966.

In addition to the usual reappointments which are made each year the following appointments were made: Jeffrey Savoie as temporary Treasurer to complete the unexpired term of our long-time and conscientious Treasurer, Edward H. Leary; Walter R. Colby of Lynnfield as Town Counsel; R. Lionel Barrows and R. G. Gowen to the Industrial Development Commission; Francis E. Gorham and John Comack as alternates on the Conservation Commission; Mrs. Nancy Dow to the School Committee to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Robert Forney; C. Henry Ohlson as Dog Officer; Douglas K. Macmillin and David DiTomaso as Regular Special Police Officers; Louis A. Barrett as the Town's representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council; Kent F. Murphy, R.S., as Consultant Sanitarian.

Concurrent with the appointment of the new Consultant Sanitarian the Board of Health established new fees for Sewerage Systems which would cover the increased cost to the Town. A fee for the renewal or replacement of an existing sewer system was established at \$5.00; new residences \$15.00; Commercial or Factory \$25.00. These fees went into effect on June 1, 1966, and for the last six months of the year sufficient monies were received to cover the cost of the Sanitarian's wages.

During the year the Board held ten public hearings on petitions of citizens or the utilities.

Seven Jurors were drawn from the July List of the Town to serve during 1966 at either the Salem or the Lawrence Courts.

During the past year the Town was fortunate in being able to welcome the following commercial or industrial concerns to the Town: Ferncroft Ski Slope, Middleton Golf Course and, of course, the USM Chemical Co. Research and Development Laboratory on Boston Street. All of these concerns are welcome additions to the Town.

During the past year this Board has noticed a marked increase in industrial and commercial inquiries for buildings and land. Considerable time and effort was exerted by this Board and other Boards in the Town to assist M.I.T. in acquiring the necessary land for their Accelerator at the old Sanitorium and Prison Farm. This Accelerator now appears to be a reality and we can expect construction in 1967. It is hoped that once this facility is in operation other satellite industries will be established in our Town.

In July the Board drew up specifications and went out for bid for 5700 feet of sidewalk on So. Main Street as voted by the Annual Town Meeting. These sidewalks are now completed and the School Zone, as requested by the School Committee, has been approved by the state. It is expected that the lights will be installed early in 1967.

In early November, after six months of study, the Board of Health issued condemnation orders and demolished seven old disreputable or burned-out camps in the Middleton Pines Section. This is the first time that this Board has ever attempted to utilize the State Health Laws in an effort to rid the Town of these eyesores. In several cases the owners cooperated and demolished the buildings at their own expense. In one other case the Town paid for the demolition, but the land has been deeded to the Town. It is expected that there will be an article in the Warrant for the Town to accept this land for the Conservation Commission.

In August the Annual Town Picnic sponsored by the H. K. Mansfield Fund was again held at Lincoln Park in New Bedford. An enjoyable time was had by all.

The Board wishes to express its deep appreciation for the assistance, cooperation and devotion to public service given so generously by the Department Heads, elected and appointed Boards and the Citizens of the Town.

The Board wishes to extend an invitation to all Citizens to join us at any of our regular Tuesday night meetings and discuss

any problems or suggestions that they feel might be of benefit to our Town.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frank T. LeColst, Chairman

Robert G. Gowen, Clerk

Leslie E. Merrifield



NEW MIDDLETON HIGHWAY car is delivered to Highway Surveyor, Allen Marshall (second from left); Donor, Phillip Gallant, Manager of Route 114 Drive-in, second from right is handing over the keys, as Selectmen Leslie Merrifield, left; and Chairman of Selectmen, Frank LeColst, right, the latter having been instrumental in securing the gift, look on.



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
of the  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
Town of  
**Middleton**



for the Year Ending December 31

**1966**





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## SCHOOL REPORT

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### School Committee

MR. FRANCIS MASSE, Chairman	Term Expires 1967
MRS. GEORGIA LEWIS, Secretary	Term Expires 1968
MRS. NANCY DOW	Term Expires 1967
MR. DAVID HARDING	Term Expires 1969
DR. EDWARD JONES	Term Expires 1969

### SUPERINTENDENT-PRINCIPAL

GEORGE E. PORT, JR., ED. D.

Office: Howe-Manning School

Tel. 774-3517

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### School Calendar 1967

Open January 3, 1967

Close February 17, 1967

#### VACATION — ONE WEEK

Open February 27, 1967

Close April 14, 1967

#### VACATION — ONE WEEK

Open April 24, 1967

Close June 23, 1967

#### SUMMER VACATION

Open September 6, 1967

Close December 22, 1967

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Good Friday

October 12

November 11 and 24

(and such other days as the School Committee may designate)

The School Calendar may be subject to change.

## No School Signals

The following no school signals have been adopted:

- a. 2-2-2 blast on the fire alarm
- b. 2 blasts at the B. B. Chemical Company
- c. Radio Stations WNAC, Boston, and WESX, Salem will carry an announcement on their regular no school broadcasts.

The signal for the Elementary Schools will be at 7:15 a.m.

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## SCHOOL CENSUS

### October 1, 1966

Age Group	Girls	Boys	Total
7 to 15 yrs. 11 mos. ....	362	390	752
5 yrs. 9 mos. to 6 yrs. 11 mos. ....	32	42	74
4 yrs. 9 mos. to 5 yrs. 8 mos. ....	62	35	97
3 yrs. 9 mos. to 4 yrs. 8 mos. ....	44	29	73
2 yrs. 9 mos. to 3 yrs. 8 mos. ....	35	48	83
1 yr. 9 mos. to 2 yrs. 8 mos. ....	45	45	90
9 mos. to 1 yr. 8 mos. ....	30	31	61
Under 9 mos. ....	27	19	46
Private School Pupils ....	11	19	30

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## Age of School Admission

All children born on or before December 31, 1961, are eligible to attend school in the coming fall terms. No entrance tests for children under the age requirements will be given.

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## Employment Certificates

Certificates for the employment of minors between the ages of 14-18 may be obtained at the Superintendent-Principal's office during regular office hours.

## MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Corps of Teachers 1966-1967

Name		Date of Grade Appointment	
Eugene C. Winter, Jr., B.S.	Lowell S. Teachers Col.	Vice- Prin.	Sept. 1958
Ruth Chasse, M. Ed.	Lesley College	Vice- Prin.	Nov. 1964
Catherine Devane	Lesley College	1	Sept. 1937
Eileen Hammond, B.S.	Boston College	1	Sept. 1962
Sandra Kozlowski, B.S.	Northeastern Univ.	1	Sept. 1966
Villa Lavorgna	Farmington State Teachers College	2	Sept. 1960
Veronica McIntosh, A.B.	Mt. St. Mary College	2	Sept. 1964
Kristine Pomfret, B.S.	Salem S. Teachers Col.	2	Sept. 1966
Faylene Webber	Farmington Normal	2	Sept. 1964
Eleanor Cassidy, B.S.	Salem S. Teachers Col.	3	Sept. 1955
Barbara Dwyer, B.A.	Newton Sacred Heart Col.	3	Sept. 1966
Grace Fall	Keene S. Teachers Col., N.H.	3	Dec. 1961
Mary Ann Vachon, B.A.	Riviera College, Nashua, N.H.	3	Sept. 1966
Susan Cohen, B.S.	Boston University	4	Sept. 1966
Kathleen Orend, B.S.	Edinboro Pa. S. Col.	4	Sept. 1966
Joanne Thoms, B.S.	Gordon College	4	Sept. 1966
Patricia Coleman, B.S.	Salem S. Teachers Col.	5	Sept. 1966
Kathleen Donovan, B.A.	Emmanuel College	5	Sept. 1966
J. Nellie Johnston, M. Ed.	Salem S. Teachers Col.	5	Sept. 1949
Janet Foley, B.S.	Gordon College	6	Sept. 1961
Carolee Varga, B.S.	Salem S. Teachers Col.	6	Sept. 1966
Eugene C. Winter, Jr., B.S.	Lowell S. Teachers Col.	6	Sept. 1954
Ruth M. Chasse, M. Ed.	Lesley College	Ung.	Sept. 1958
Edward Bruzzo, B.S.	Tufts University	Art	Sept. 1953
Philip Flowers, M. Ed.	Merrimac	Sch. Adjust. Coun.	Sept. 1966
Rose Durgin, M. Ed.	Boston University	Read- ing	Sept. 1956
Henrietta Giannino, M.A.	New York University	Phys. Ed.	Sept. 1960
Dorothy Jackson, B.A.	Boston University	Music	Sept. 1965
Sheila Segal, B.A.	University of Mass.	Speech	Sept. 1966

Carolyn White, B.S.	Castleton S. Teachers College of Vermont	Tester Coach Sept. 1964
Judith Elms, B.S.	Gordon College	Teacher Coach Sept. 1964

## MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Staff Members 1966-1967

Name			Date of Appointment
William C. Wiswall, M.D.	Bowdoin College Physician Boston Univ.		Sept. 1960
Leo P. Beninato, D.D.S.	Georgetown Univ.	Dentist	Sept. 1959
Phyllis S. Brown, R.N.	Union Hospital	Nurse	June 1960
Ruth Sgroi	Bryant & Stratton	Secretary	June 1966
Marjorie L. Comack	Fisher Business	Clerk	Dec. 1959
Barbara J. Ryer	Burdett	Clerk	Jan. 1965
Mary E. King, B.S.	Univ. of N.H.	Cafeteria Mgr.	Aug. 1958
Mary Silva		Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1955
Lorayne Hocter		Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1957
Helen Doucette		Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1959
Mary Emro		Cafeteria Wkr.	Dec. 1963
Louise Denault		Cafeteria Wkr.	Apr. 1966
Alice Reynolds		Cafeteria Wkr.	Jan. 1965
Louise Dane		Cafeteria Wkr.	Jan. 1965
Aurore Chouinard		Lunchtime Sup.	Jan. 1963
Marie Lindquist		Lunchtime Sup.	Jan. 1963
Victoria Young		Lunchtime Sup.	Jan. 1963
Judith Evans		Lunchtime Sup.	Jan. 1965
Evelyn Lennox		Lunchtime Sup.	Sept. 1966
Rose Mugford		Lunchtime Sup.	Feb. 1966
Polly Alexander		Librarian, Part Time	Sept. 1966
Virginia Masse		Library Aide	Mar. 1966
Rita Kelley		Library Aide	Mar. 1966
Perley D. Lovelace		Head Custodian	June 1957
T. Myron Reynolds		Custodian and Attend. Officer	May 1960
Ralph Russell		Night Custodian	Jan. 1965

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Middleton School Committee submits its annual report to the citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Middleton.

Unique in itself, this year was marked by a variety of actions from the continuation and finality of previous projects, to the establishment of new positions and policies. Exhausting hours of investigation and discussion accompanied each decision to amend or to create policies, to maintain the high quality of education in the Middleton schools. Circumstances, such as increased administrative duties, the regrettable resignation of the administrator, adherent needs to substantiate the School philosophy, and suggestions of the townspeople, spearheaded many of the actions taken by the Committee.

The elections of March, 1966, resulted in the re-election of Mr. David Harding and former member Dr. Edward Jones to replace Mrs. Page Campbell, who chose not to run for re-election. It also resulted in the fulfillment of the amended agreement to elect all members of the Masconomet Regional School Committee and the wish of this Committee for maintenance of a liaison between the two committees. Mr. Robert Forney, a member of this Committee at that time, was elected to the Regional Committee. Because of the legalities involved in this double representation, he resigned from the local committee with the wish to continue as liaison. After the interviewing of several candidates, Mrs. Annie Dow was appointed unanimously by the Selectmen and the School Committee to fill the vacancy.

The overload of administrative duties and responsibilities became more evident this year with the result that a comprehensive study was made of the problem. The study indicated the need for an increase in administrative personnel — primarily, that of a full-time supervising principal. With this under consideration, the Committee revamped the job specifications of the Superintendent-Principal and created those of a supervising principal. The next phase required the announcement of the requirements and the specific deadline for applying for the opening to key placement centers. Responses were received. However, continuance of the search was halted upon receipt of the resignation in November of the Superintendent-Principal, whose replacement was given priority.

At this time consideration was given to the possibility of a School Superintendency Union with Boxford and Topsfield. Again,

as in 1959, it was felt that the disadvantage of such a Union outweighed the advantages. Any financial reimbursement under such a superintendency would be insignificant in comparison to the necessity of diminishing the leadership in Middleton by two-thirds. Therefore, a continuation of the present organizational structure was favored.

The attention of the Committee was then concentrated on the search for a new administrator. Announcements were sent to accredited university placement bureaus; applications were received; candidates were screened and narrowed to those who qualified, and the grueling process of interviewing the candidates had begun by the end of the year. Aware of the importance of selecting the best qualified individual as Middleton's Superintendent of Schools, the committee is conscientiously proceeding in its selection with utmost scrutiny and diligent investigation of each candidate. Foreseeing that a search might extend beyond the effective date of Dr. Port's resignation, the Committee appointed Mr. Eugene Winter to serve as interim superintendent.

Aware of the increased pressure of duties and responsibilities of the nursing services in the Town of Middleton, and following the resignation of the School-Community Service nurse, the Committee decided to re-evaluate its own school nursing program. After meeting both jointly and separately with the Selectmen and members of the Community Services, from whom the nurse's services were purchased, the Committee made the decision to withdraw from its contract with Community Services. This action was prompted primarily by a concern for the total education of the Middleton School children. Consequently, a new school nursing position was established. Requirements, qualifications, and job specifications were adopted. After reviewing applications and interviewing candidates, Mrs. Barbara Bowes, R.N., of Middleton, was elected to this position to begin her duties January 1, 1967.

The goal of constructing a sidewalk along South Main Street, advised and initiated by previous Committees, reached its culmination this past summer. As an adjunct to the sidewalks, crosswalks and signs were placed in appropriate locations, after many contacts by this Committee with State officials. Special meetings with the parents were held to discuss the proposed transportation policy. As an outcome, contacts were made with the Police Chief and Highway Surveyor regarding their part in this program. After investigating the possibilities of establishing a school zone on Route 114 in the area of the Fuller Meadow School, the Committee met with the Selectmen to request that this zone be applied for. Many



urgent contacts with State officials were made to obtain an affirmative answer, which was forthcoming in November. The establishment of this zone entails zone and school signs, flashing lights, no passing during the time the lights are flashing, and a 20-mile speed limit. The construction of this zone is in the process of completion, and it is the hope of this Committee that all work will be completed by February. Various minor weaknesses have been noted. However, with the cooperation of parents, these can be remedied.

Conscious of its prime duty to supply the best education for our children without overburdening the taxpayers, the Committee approached the problem of salaries. Consideration was given to competitive salaries of surrounding communities, written requests of the Middleton Teachers' Association, and other personnel, and the turnover of teacher personnel. The salary schedule agree upon reflected the Committee's realistic answer in the light of all factors. It should be noted that the increase in teacher salaries did not cause an increase in the salary budget. In fact, the expenditure for salaries was less than anticipated. This was due primarily to the hiring of teachers newer to the profession and the appointment of a first grade teacher as teacher coach, whose salary was partially reimbursed by the Federal government.

The question of funding the school lunch program arose toward the end of the year, when for the first time the lunch program began to show a deficit. Several factors have contributed to this — the discontinuance of Federal subsidies, increase in salaries, increase in food prices are some. It was the decision of the Committee to postpone raising pupil charges at this time because of the risk of reduced participation, resulting in a violation of our goal to provide the children a hot lunch, and a substantial increase would be needed to make the program self-sufficient. Consequently, the Committee chose to subsidize part of the program for the present.

It is the Committee's sincere wish that the citizens and taxpayers of Middleton join the Committee at its meetings regularly held at the Howe-Manning School on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. By working together, a better understanding can be gained of the problems confronting the Middleton Schools and your Committee.

With deep regret the Committee accepted the resignation of Dr. George E. Port, Jr., Superintendent-Principal, to become effective January 13, 1967. Gratitude for his enormous contribution to the

educational standards of the Middleton Schools and sincere wishes for every success in his future endeavors are extended to Dr. Port. As one member stated, "Somers' gain is Middleton's loss."

The Committee also extends its sincere gratitude to Mr. Winter, Miss Chasse, the faculty, superivsors, secretarial staff, cafeteria workers, custodial staff, and lunchtime supervisors for their loyal support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDDLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Francis Masse, Chairman  
Georgia D. Lewis, Secretary  
Annie Dow  
David V. Harding  
Edward Jones, M.D.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT- PRINCIPAL

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To: The Middleton School Committee

Herein is submitted my ninth and last annual report as Superintendent-Principal of the Middleton Public School System.

### CURRICULUM AND EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

This past year was notable for many reasons. One of these reasons was the contribution of the Federal Government as a result of projects submitted and approved. The sum of \$18,965.83 was received during the year on such projects. In addition to this sum, Middleton participated in the development of a project granted to Masconomet. This grant was in the amount of \$9,850.00.

The Middleton Public School System was involved in a project entitled "Improvement of Reading, Library and other Language Skills". The project was funded under E.S.E.A., Title I, which provided \$6,648. In keeping with project goals, three teacher aides were hired to release the classroom teachers from clerical tasks in order to devote more time to professional and creative aspects of teaching. In addition, a nongraded reading coach assisted the reading specialists in their work to increase the educational advantage for children in need.

A full-time Library Aide was hired to extend library service to five days a week. Her tasks included both service to children and clerical responsibilities. She assisted children in selecting books to read at home and provided ready reference. She encouraged the children to find things for themselves, such as maps, special pictures and diagrams. Children were directed to magazines, the dictionary, the encyclopedias and the atlas. Clerical tasks which were accomplished early in the day and after school included: shelving books, maintaining statistics, circulation, filing, book repair, exhibits and typing catalog cards. Classes were sent to the library on a scheduled library day. Also, small groups were assigned research projects and given the opportunity to use basic library tools on a non-scheduled basis.

A long range plan for developing library services for the elementary schools was designed in collaboration with Mrs. Eugene C. Winter, Jr., professional librarian, serving as consultant. This comprehensive project design entitled Middleton to obtain the maximum funds allowable under Title II, providing a grant of

\$1,636.13. Mrs. Winter administered these funds, set up book selection, ordering and processing procedures and developed the card catalog.

The Superintendent-Principal would like to publicly acknowledge and thank Mrs. Winter for her kind help over the years, most of it done at no cost to our community.

On a consultant basis, Drs. B. Alice Crossley and John Savage from Boston University, authoritatively evaluated all aspects of the language arts program and its impact upon the children. Specific strengths and weaknesses were written and published in a special report, and recommendations were made to the staff. Through in-service meetings some changes were initiated immediately while others were effected administratively with the opening of school in September. Among these changes was an effort to gain the advantages of the self-contained classroom while departmentalizing at the intermediate grade level. This is effected by having a particular teacher instruct a particular reading class and having the same teacher instruct the same children in a double period of Language Arts and a single period of the teacher's specialty (departmentalized subject) each day. Thus the class has a particular teacher for half of the class periods each day. In addition, a Study Skills period has been inserted in each school day as a departmentalized subject. Instruction in the use of encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, etc., is followed by aid in project work.

A long range plan for developing and improving reading instruction was submitted to the State Department of Education in order to qualify for funds under N.D.E.A., Title III. The resultant project design included the elements of evaluation, administration, pupil organization, learning materials and equipment. Federal support of this project was \$362.00. A parallel project to develop and improve science instruction provided \$456.70. Specific specialized equipment was purchased with these funds including projectors, film strips, tape recorders, record players and science equipment.

In addition to the Crossley-Savage evaluation, an instrument written by the Superintendent-Principal to diagnose the relative strengths of seven designated elements within the total program of an elementary school was used as a means of evaluation by the administration, by the administrative council and by the teachers of both schools. All studies were completed by the close of school in June, and the compiled data reported to the School Committee.

The nongraded primary project is in its final and conclusive stage. The class with which we began this program over three

years ago is now in the fourth grade. It is planned that a decision will be made in June of 1967 as to what direction the program will take. For example, the decision may be made (1) to eliminate nongradedness, (2) to expand nongradedness to all subject areas in the primary level, (3) extend nongradedness in reading and mathematics through the intermediate grades, (4) nongrade the entire elementary program or (5) some combination of these alternatives.

Curriculum studies conducted by teacher committees during the past year resulted in the writing of an Economics Curriculum and the revision of the Health Curriculum guide. The Health study resulted in the selection and purchase of a current edition of the Scott Foresman health series for Grades 3 to 6. Atlases and dictionaries were purchased for classroom use.

In a concerted effort to improve the physical fitness of our children, three thirty-five minute supervised periods of physical education per week were initiated this year. At this time approximately 70% of our children are able to pass the A.A.U. Physical Fitness tests, and it is hoped that by increasing from one period to three periods a week, a significant number of the unsuccessful 30% can be helped to achieve with the more successful children.

Once again a Summer School program was conducted during the month of August. Two classes with ten children each were enrolled in remedial mathematics and reading with an hour of instruction in each subject.

One or more educational field trips have been taken by the various classes. Each trip was uniquely designed for maximum educational advantage. Among the places visited were Plymouth Plantation, Logan Airport, and the Middleton Post Office, Police Station, Fire Station and Water Works. Those interested in animal life went to Benson's Animal Farm, Franklin Park Zoo and Drumlin Farm Sanctuary. Upper grades explored Sturbridge Village and Salem Pioneer Village.

Dr. Edward Jones represented the School Committee at the Annual Awards Assembly and presented the awards to the children who had earned them.

The Faculty Senate and the Administrative Council, organizations comprised of teachers, supervisors and administrators, continue to be active in recommending policy and identifying school problems.

The administrative and teaching staff of the Middleton Public Schools continue to be active in professional organizations and meetings. Quite a few of our faculty members are seen at such meetings as the Association for Childhood Education, the New England Kindergarten Conference, Northshore Mental Health Association, Wheelock College Conference on "Operation Headstart", Teacher Recruitment Conference, the New England Reading Conference and at the Perceptual Education and Research Center Workshop. The Majority of these meetings are held on Saturdays and after school hours.

On November 15 we were fortunate to have a representative from the Safety Education Section of the Registry of Motor Vehicles. At the assembly program, Inspector Harry R. Bennett spoke to all the children on the importance of observing safety regulations.

A space-science lecturer, sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, presented a lecture to the children of grades five and six. This dynamic program introduced the children to a study of man in space through an exhibit of realistic models and demonstrations.

The Superintendent-Principal recommended that the School Committee give consideration to the need for a supervising principal, since the present educational programs and proposed Federal projects have greatly increased the administrative work load. It is expected that this plan will be accomplished by the close of the present school year.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

A significant advance this year was the appointment of a full-time School Adjustment Counselor. This service allows children and parents to seek advice as problems of major importance arise.

The services of the Reverend Richard Wilcox have been maintained on a one-day-a-week basis to help orient our new School Adjustment Counselor.

Our excellent relations with the State College at Salem and Gordon College have been continued with many practice teachers being accepted in the local schools and the undersigned being invited to lecture to the seniors at both colleges.

As a result of the new state law requiring five class hours of instruction each day, parent-teacher conferences had to be discontinued. The Superintendent-Principal urges, that as parents



and teachers consider the problem of communication, they attempt to find an alternate program.

Once again the Middleton Summer Fun Club was granted permission to use the gymnasium and other facilities for their special summer program.

The Superintendent-Principal encourages the recurring requests of the Selectmen for use of the Fuller Meadow School for voting. This is a proper use of the school facilities, and the Selectmen and the Board of Registrars have been very cooperative in meeting School Department requests. In addition, this use serves to remind the children periodically of the God-given right and responsibility of citizens to take part in the decisions regarding their own destinies.

Consideration has been given to the possibility of establishing unified transportation for Masconomet Regional Jr. and Sr. High School and the elementary schools of the three regional towns, Middleton, Topsfield and Boxford. A plan demonstrating feasibility has been filed with the School Committee. The three local Superintendents will now pursue the legal aspects of this problem.

### AUXILIARY SERVICES

The Safety Patrol continues to provide an efficient service within the Howe-Manning School and in Middleton Square. This valuable service operates under the general supervision of Mr. Eugene C. Winter, Jr., while the immediate control is managed by the police officer on duty in the square.

Instruction on band instruments has been provided by Mr. William Bowers on Thursdays after school. The band will be conducted by Miss Dorothy Jackson, the Music Supervisor.

Lunchtime supervisors continue to oversee the children during the lunchtime and noon recess .

### PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Once again I feel compelled to acknowledge the fine work of the Middleton Parent-Teacher Association. Many parents have contributed to this effort but some deserve very special mention.

Mrs. John Cryan again headed a committee to sell United States Savings Stamps in both the Howe-Manning and Fuller Meadow Schools. Assisting her were Mrs. Richard Collins, Mrs. Philip Hayden, Mrs. Charles Gordon and Mrs. Robert Bixby.

Assisting in the operation of the Fuller Meadow School library were Mrs. Stanley Hamilton and Mrs. Charles Spear.



The annual book fair was held in conjunction with Open House during American Education Week. Profits from the fair were used to buy additional books for the school libraries.

The educational effort at the monthly Parent-Teacher meetings is to be encouraged since these programs on teaching and raising children contribute to better understanding by the public.

### MAINTENANCE

All classrooms and the office complex at the Howe-Manning School now have modern fluorescent lighting and only two classrooms remain to be repainted. Next year it is planned to complete these two rooms and begin painting the corridors and stairwells.

Again this year the fire detection system was expanded in certain sections of the Howe-Manning School.

The fuel oil contract was awarded this year to Diamond Standard Fuel Corporation of Windham, New Hampshire, and provides for twenty-four hour service during the present school year.

The materials for the re-seeding and fertilization of the Fuller-Meadow Grounds were purchased and the project completed.

Air conditioning was installed in the office suite at Howe-Manning School.

In February the contract for the new furnace control system on the main boiler at the Howe-Manning School was awarded to Enterprise Equipment Company of South Boston.

### CONCLUSION

I have truly enjoyed my work as Superintendent-Principal the past eight and one-half years, and I wish to express my appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of the total team over those years.

The faculty and staff it has been my privilege to work with, have given of themselves to a degree which only means they too have learned to love Middleton's exceptionally fine children. The parents have cooperated, and the taxpayers have given of themselves in heroic measure, and I believe their confidence has borne fruit, for since 1955 the dropout rate has been reduced and many programs have, in fact, been initiated.

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In his last annual report in 1954, Superintendent Rivard expressed the wish that the citizens of Middleton continue to elect the type of civic-minded individual to represent them on the School Committee that they had during his four years of service. In my last report, twelve years later, I should like to say that my faith in democracy has been renewed over and over again as the people elect representatives who, while they may not always agree with the professional staff, do, in fact, have their eyes on the best interests of the children and the taxpayer.

I express my truly deep and heartfelt appreciation to the entire staff, the School Committee and the citizens of the Town of Middleton for their loyal support and cooperation, and I pray that they may feel God's guiding hand as they continue His work.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. PORT, JR., ED. D.

Superintendent-Principal

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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To the Superintendent-Principal, Middleton Public Schools

During the school year 1965-1966 the following health programs were carried out at the Howe-Manning and Fuller Meadow Schools:

The Massachusetts Vision Test, administered by Means of a Titmus Machine, was given to 545 children. This machine enabled the nurse to test in the Health Room, thus eliminating the problems of space, light, and the need of children handling special glasses. Twenty-eight failures were found. After retesting, these were reported in writing to the parents. Most have been or are presently under treatment.

Hearing tests were given to 548 children, with 51 failures. These children were all referred to their own physicians, and I am pleased to say most of them have been seen by specialists. The tests are given individually by means of an audiometer, and failures are rechecked before written notice is sent home.

Both vision and hearing tests are screening programs set up under state supervision.

The Tine tests were given to children entering the first year of school, and the sixth grade children entering their teens. The Essex County Health Association and state health officials believe this test is more accurate than the patch testing done in the past. Only seven parents refused permission for this test. One pupil showing a questionable positive reaction to the Tine Test was taken to the State T.B. Clinic held at the Salem Board of Health for a Mantoux Test. This test was positive and was then followed by a chest x-ray. The x-ray was negative showing this child did not have active T.B. but did harbor the germ. Many times a child showing a large positive Mantoux is placed on prophylactic medication to prevent breakdown in later life.

Physical examinations were given to first year and fourth grade children starting in the Fall of 1965 and continuing through the Spring of 1966. A total of 175 children were given physicals. Ninety two were given their physicals by Dr. William Wiswall, the School Physician, with many mothers present. Reports of defects were sent home in writing for the more important findings, and the children were referred to their own physicians for care or correction. Eighty three children went to their own family physician for examination.

Forms were given to these children for their own doctors to fill out at the time of examination and, when returned, were attached to each student's health record.

These were approximately 1200 children who visited the Health Rooms in the past year because of illness or accidents during the day.

A pediculosis check is conducted twice annually on all heads, and health habits discussed at this time in all classrooms.

Heights and weights are checked annually on all children and those above and below are given dietary advice.

First Aid Boxes were placed in all classrooms, gymnasiums and cafeterias with directions for use from Dr. Wiswall.

Eighty one students attended the Diphtheria-Tetanus clinics held at the Howe-Manning School during the year, four receiving the original series of three shots, and 177 receiving boosters.

Numerous Sabin Oral Polio clinics were held during the school year. Sixty nine children received Sabin Oral Trivalent Polio Vaccine.

Reports giving results of all programs were sent to the Massachusetts Public Health Department.

All school personnel desiring Flu shots were given boosters, and new members were given their series of two inoculations.

Home visits were made to many children on the emergency dental list.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS S. BROWN, R.N.

School Nurse

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DENTIST

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To the Superintendent-Principal, Middleton Public Schools

During the 1965-66 school year, a total of 535 pupils were examined. Informative reports were sent to all parents, relating the condition of their children's teeth. Of those examined, 321 children were found to be in need of dental treatment. A total of 165 slips were received from the parents acknowledging receipt of the Dental Reports on their children. Reports totalling 103 were received from various dentists, advising that these children were under treatment as prescribed by the school reports.

Of the total number of children who required emergency treatment, 7 pupils were treated by a local dentist. The work performed on these 7 pupils consisted of the following: x-rays, 7 prophylaxes, 31 surface cavities and 21 extractions.

The first and third grades received tooth brushes and were given a demonstration on the proper method of brushing teeth.

During Dental Health Week, the first week in February, the entire school body met in the gymnasium and observed a movie relative to the preventative measures of dental health. After the movie, a question and answer program was conducted in order to insure that the students understood certain basic preventative measures of the dental health program.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO P. BENINATO, D.D.S.

School Dentist

## REPORT OF THE REMEDIAL READING SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent-Principal, Middleton Public Schools

Excellence in reading is our goal for every child in the Middleton Public Schools. Our world demands literacy as a vital tool in meeting and solving everyday situations. Therefore, it is up to us, as educators, to lead each child as far as he can go toward this goal.

Much of the time in remedial reading class is spent on the mastery of skills involved in decoding the symbols of language with immediate application of these skills, using varied materials which will interest and challenge the children to better reading.

Thirty-seven children were chosen to attend remedial reading classes. Thirteen from Grade 4, twelve from Grade 5 and twelve from Grade 6.

After diagnosis of the individual reading problems varied materials were used to meet the needs: i.e. Gillingham (phonetic approach), Flash-X (a teaching machine), "Developing Reading Skills" by Laidlaw, S.R.A. rate builders (speed tests), "Reading for Meaning" by Coleman, Readers' Digest and the Row, Peterson basal.

In May these children were tested. Following are the average gains of each group with accompanying average total I.Q. Scores.

	Growth in months	Average total I.Q. Score
Grade 4 .....	13	88
Grade 5 .....	9	89
Grade 6 .....	20	89

The average gain for the entire remedial reading group was 14 months with an average total I.Q. score of 89. The expected growth would be 8 months if the average I.Q. score were 100.

In September of the 1966-1967 school year children were screened by a Gates Reading Survey Test. Based upon the results of this test, as well as teacher recommendation and parent request, thirty-six children were chosen to participate in the remedial reading program.

Another year of many challenges is ours as we strive to help each individual child reach the goal which is pertinent to his needs and abilities.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROSE DURGIN

Remedial Reading Supervisor



## REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent-Principal, Middleton Public Schools

The music education program in Middleton is planned to help every child respond to music, enjoy music and develop his musical capacity to the fullest.

The Music Supervisor visits each primary grade class once a week to introduce new material and to help the children enjoy music and acquire some musical knowledge and skills. Upper grade classes come to the Music Room once a week for a class with the Music Supervisor.

Each teacher receives a monthly guide prepared by the Music Supervisor outlining materials to be taught. Whenever possible music is selected to correlate with other subjects.

In order to facilitate scheduling and release early morning, the "prime time" for more difficult intellectual work, the Music Supervisor now teaches four shorter days instead of three full days.

We are most fortunate to have new equipment — an outstanding new set of ten record albums — RCA's "Adventures in Music" — a basic listening library and fine new record players. Another delightful addition is a set of eight hand bells tuned to the diatonic scale for use in the lower grades. A set of twenty chromatic resonator bells with mallets has been ordered for the upper grades.

All fifth and sixth grade classes were again privileged to attend a concert by a professional brass quintet sponsored by Young Audiences, Inc. at Masconomet Regional High School. It is our hope that there will be other concerts in the near future.

An enthusiastic group, though small in number, plans to attend a series of three Youth Concerts at Symphony Hall.

A mixed chorus of children selected from Grades 5 and 6 rehearse once a week during noon recess. They presented a program for the Parent-Teachers' Association in May, 1966.

Mr. William Bowers continues to give lessons in band instruments on Thursdays after school. This year the band will be conducted by the Music Supervisor.

The Music Supervisor extends her sincere appreciation to the Superintendent-Principal, the two Vice-Principals, the teachers and all other staff members for their continued co-operation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY L. JACKSON

Music Supervisor



## REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

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To the Superintendent-Principal, Middleton Public Schools

The art program at the Howe-Manning and Fuller Meadow Schools are planned in light of the emotional, creative and kinesthetic needs of the children.

To fulfill these aims the materials used include crayon, pencil, clayola, sawdust mache', construction paper, clay, drinking straws, scratchboard and yarn.

In the primary grades drawing is permissive, thus enabling the children to develop and have confidence in their own unique symbolism. Suggestions are given in terms of the children's omissions rather than their "failings".

In the upper grades instruction is given in geometric type drawing. This shows the children how to draw objects such as houses and trucks with a degree of three dimensional accuracy.

Design is taught in terms of its abstract principles. These principles include working large shapes against small shapes, rectilinear shapes against curvilinear shapes, light against dark and cool against warm colors. This approach permits the children to make their own creations within the framework of valid concepts. In the upper grades instruction is given in repeat pattern design when potato prints are used.

Color is taught at all levels in terms of its warm and cool harmonies and the psychological implications of these harmonies. It is pointed out that cool colors convey sadness and spooky feelings while warm colors impart cheerfulness and warmth.

Particular stress is laid on work with three dimensional materials such as clayola and construction paper. Work done with folded construction paper has the particular advantage of developing manual dexterity as well as developing sculptural sense.

In crayon work, the creative aspect of the medium is stressed. The children are shown that they may be used with varying degrees of pressure, they may be used sideways and that their color range may be expanded by applying one color over another.

Technique being meaningless without content, the children are encouraged to give expression to their own feelings by making

pictures that relate to experiences they have had. Poster technique is taught in the upper grades and emphasis laid on the presentation of a clear idea in large, simple and direct terms. Children in the upper grades participate in a contest sponsored by the Massachusetts Humane Educational Society, and winning entries receive pins as awards.

Assistance is given to teachers for the benefit of their classroom decorations and bulletin boards.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD BRUZZO

Art Supervisor

## REPORT OF CAFETERIA MANAGER

To the Superintendent-Principal, Middleton Public Schools

The consolidated school lunch program operated from January 4 to June 17, 1966, a total of 102 days. During this time 42,143 Type A lunches were served. At Howe-Manning, with a percentage participation of 84.6%, 29,009 lunches were served, and 5,244 cartons of milk were issued under the special milk program. At Fuller Meadow, with a percentage participation of 72.1%, 13,134 lunches were served, and 4,254 cartons of milk were issued under the special milk program.

In the belief that a satisfying and nutritious hot lunch benefits the child, our goal is to raise the participation in school lunch. When planning the menus, which must supply these nutrients; two ounces of protein, three-quarters cup fruit and/or vegetable, one slice of enriched bread, two teaspoons of butter and one-half pint of unflavored milk, as subscribed by the National School Lunch Act of 1946, the tastes of the majority of the children are taken into consideration. With the child in mind, the food is carefully prepared, cleanliness standards are high, and a cheerful atmosphere is provided to aid digestion.

Commodities which are received from the Department of Agriculture were not as plentiful this year. Without cheese, eggs and less meat the value amounted to \$5,337.10.

This year marked the twentieth anniversary of the school lunch program. During School Lunch Week, October 9 - 15, birthday cakes were decorated and presented to the classes in each group having the highest percentage participation. Another effort to encourage eating was the issuance of a "lunch report card".

To keep informed and gain new ideas, the staff members attended the Boston Workshop, the State Convention and local meetings.

During the annual Open House in November, both cafeterias served coffee and cakes baked in the respective kitchens. At Howe-Manning Mrs. Mary Silva is cook, and Mrs. Mary Emro, Mrs. Lorayne Hocter, and Mrs. Louise Denault are assistants. At Fuller Meadow, Mrs. Helen Doucette is cook, and Mrs. Louise Dane and Mrs. Alice Reynolds are assistants.

For the cooperation given the cafeteria staffs, we take this opportunity to thank everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY KING

Cafeteria Manager

## REPORT OF SPEECH THERAPIST

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To the Superintendent-Principal, Middleton Public Schools

Skill in transmitting ideas and feelings is one of the basic needs for successful living. Since ninety per cent of our communication today occurs through speech, one is able to understand why good speech is so essential. The primary function of the speech therapist is to help the child with a speech or hearing handicap to achieve better communication and adjustment so that he may take his place among his peers as a happier and more useful citizen. All during the school year the therapist diagnoses children with speech problems; she employs therapeutic techniques in working with the enrolled children, always keeping in mind each child's basic needs, and she works with parents and teachers to help the child exhibit good carry-over speech at home and in the classroom.

In September 1966, the therapist checked the speech of every first grader at the Fuller Meadow School. This survey by the speech therapist gave every child in the room an opportunity to talk while the therapist made an evaluation of his articulation, voice, language skills, ease in speaking and fluency. It was found that approximately twenty per cent of these first graders have speech difficulties. However, only a few first graders are enrolled in the speech program, since many of these misarticulations are overcome through maturation or through instruction in reading and phonics. The therapist also tested the speech of any second grade child referred to her.

Ten per cent of the Howe-Manning students were referred for a speech test. The therapist also interviewed all new students at this school. Presently, eighteen students or five per cent of the Howe-Manning student body and sixteen students or nine per cent of the Fuller Meadow School children are enrolled in the speech program. Thus the therapist is now working with six per cent of the total population at both schools.

The speech classes were set up by the therapist taking into account the individual attributes and needs of each child. The children were grouped homogeneously according to age, size, personality, degree of difficulty, ability and type of disorder. There are two to five children in each therapy class. Each child is seen for twenty to thirty minutes twice a week. The speech therapist is in Middleton two full days a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Now, what is a speech defect? A speech defect exists when the speech is so different from that generally used that it calls attention to itself and interferes with understanding, and, at the same time, it causes the speaker to be disturbed. Speech disorders vary in seriousness. Some of the speech disorders are the following: language disorders, voice defects, rate and rhythm defects, articulation disorders and speech difficulties caused from cleft palate, cerebral palsy and hearing losses. Most of the children enrolled in the speech program have articulation defects. This includes sound substitutions as /wed/ for /red/; lisping as substituting /th/ for /s/, /z/, /sh/, or /ch/; distortion as "Waych aw ahng" for "Wash your hands"; and omissions as "I ow ome", for "I go home."

Besides working directly with the child, the speech therapist works cooperatively with the parents and teachers. The parents of the children receiving speech therapy have conferences with the therapist. The parent must be helped to understand and accept the child and his problem and become a part of the speech program. The teacher is also a most influential factor in aiding the child to succeed in speech class. In addition, the therapist works with the Superintendent-Principal, School Nurse, Remedial Reading Supervisor and School Adjustment Counselor. The co-operative efforts of all these specialists aid the speech teacher in helping the child develop his ability to communicate his ideas well in clear speech with a pleasing voice.

Respectfully submitted,

SHEILA SEGAL

Speech and Hearing Therapist

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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To the Superintendent-Principal, Middleton Public Schools

The physical education program has sought to provide opportunities for increased physical activity in order to promote added vigor for each individual pupil. Classes were held on a one day per week basis, either 30 or 40 minutes in length. Recess time as well as before and after school hours were used by many pupils to continue planned physical education activities.

The relatively new concept of circuit training was added to the calisthenics portion of each class. This included sit-ups, push-ups, pull-ups, running and jumping in one 5 to 10 minute session. In addition a more extensive program of modern square dancing was carried on throughout the grades. A dance competition and several demonstrations were presented. Special soccer, basketball and volley ball gatherings were similarly planned for demonstrations as well as competitive events.

The Run for Fun & Fitness Contest continued with enthusiastic response and a notable growth in participation. Field trips, Greek Games and an afternoon of swimming were enjoyed by the most active participants and leaders of the Run Contest.

The 68.1% of the Middleton children who passed the six standardized tests provided by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S.A. did so largely on a single trial basis. Fitness leaflets and certificates were distributed at the appropriate times, and embroidered emblems were presented to high standing members of the Run Contest.

A large measure of the success of this physical education program may be traced to the cooperating class room teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. GIANNINO

Supervisor of Physical Education

# SCHOOL REPORT

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## MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Enrollment Statistics

Age-Grade Distribution - October 1, 1966

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Totals
Grade										
I	17	56	2							75
II		14	76	2						92
III			22	61	8	2	1			94
IV				18	58	9	1			86
V					18	59	10	1		88
VI						12	64	9	1	86
Ungr.			1	3	2	2	2	1		<u>11</u>

532 TOTAL

### Teacher-Grade Distribution October 1, 1966

Teacher	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Ungr.	Totals
Miss Devane	26							26
Mrs. Hammond	25							25
Miss Kozlowski	24							24
Mrs. Lavorgna		16						16
Mrs. McIntosh		28						28
Miss Pomfret		22						22
Mrs. Webber		26						26
Mrs. Cassidy			16					16
Mrs. Dwyer			27					27
Mrs. Fall			27					27
Miss Vachon			24					24
Miss Cohen				27				27
Miss Orend				30				30
Miss Thoms				29				29
Miss Coleman					28			28
Miss Donovan					30			30
Mrs. Johnston					30			30
Miss Foley						32		32
Mrs. Varga						32		32
Mr. Winter						22		22
Miss Chasse							11	11
Totals	75	92	94	86	88	86	11	532



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Patricia M. Jordan, Treasurer in account with the Town of Middleton, Massachusetts.

Balance of Cash in Treasury, January 1, 1966	\$ 355,988.47
Receipts for the year 1966	1,738,821.77
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Total cash	\$ 2,094,810.24
Payments for year 1966	\$ 1,841,255.01
Balance of Cash in Treasury Dec. 31, 1966	253,555.23
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	\$ 2,094,810.24

### CASH IN BANKS for 1966

Arlington Trust Company, Middleton, Mass.	\$ 250,050.25
Merchants Warren National Bank, Salem, Mass.	871.89
Arlington Trust (Savings Account) Middleton, Mass.	2,633.09
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	\$ 253,555.23

A complete report of all Trust Funds in my custody is shown on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA M. JORDAN,

Treasurer

### DAVID CUMMINGS FUND

Balance January 1, 1966	\$ 6,088.28
United Shoe Machinery Corp. Shares	975.00
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	\$ 7,063.28

#### RECEIPTS:

United Shoe Machinery Corp. Dividends	\$ 117.02
Arlington Trust Co., Interest	234.45
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Total Receipts	\$ 351.47
Trustee's Orders	-270.00
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Balance	\$ 7,144.75
Arlington Trust Company Checking Account	160.64
Arlington Trust Company Savings Account	6,009.11
United Shoe Machinery Corp. Shares	975.00
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Balance Dec. 31, 1966	\$ 7,144.75

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA M. JORDAN,

Town Treasurer

# *Annual Report*

of the

## *Town Accountant*

*1966*

# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1966

## RECEIPTS

### GENERAL REVENUE

#### TAXES

##### CURRENT YEAR:

Property—Real Estate	\$ 683,372.81	
Lieu of Taxes	2,819.57	
	<hr/>	\$ 686,192.38

##### PREVIOUS YEARS:

Property—Real Estate	51,264.63	
Farm Excise	9.75	
Tax Title	5,536.35	
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##### PRIVILEGES:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	70,981.11	70,981.11
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##### LICENSES:

Alcoholic Beverages	4,900.00	
Others	922.00	
	<hr/>	5,822.00

#### GRANTS AND GIFTS

##### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Old Age Assistance	14,705.52	
Medical Aid for Aged	20,614.30	
Medical Assistance	5,286.59	
Aid to Dependent Children	8,189.74	
Disability Assistance	3,698.00	
Other School Purposes	16,401.00	
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68,895.15

## STATE GOVERNMENT:

General Relief	242.39
Old Age Assistance	5,147.73
Medical Aid for Aged	13,286.22
Medical Assistance	3,244.96
Aid to Dependent Children	11,155.80
Disability Assistance	7,658.52
Veterans Services	4,411.30
Income Tax Basis	27,772.72
Valuation Basis	10,500.00
Corporation Basis	3,852.80
Meal Tax	2,349.04
Lieu of Taxes	2,983.98
Education Basis	22,592.44
Sales Tax	73,016.59
Vocational Education	1,988.25
School Lunch	5,746.64
Library	929.50
Highway	19,373.83
Snow and Sanding	920.00

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 217,172.71

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Dog Licenses	503.22
Highway Aid	4,649.42

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 5,152.64

M.E.L.D. — Depreciation Fund	11,883.23	11,883.23
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## DEPARTMENTALS

Unexpended Balances:	12,553.49	12,553.49
Memorial Hall Rentals	1,200.00	
Town Hall Rentals	292.00	
Selectman Ads	165.75	
Appeals Ads	37.10	

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 1,694.85

## PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Permits	74.00
Police Fines	510.70
Bldg. Insp.	1,587.00
Board of Health	412.00
Plumb. Insp.	168.50
Gas Insp.	142.50
Wire Insp.	80.00
Dog Officer	24.00

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 2,998.70

## HIGHWAYS:

Truck-Machine Rentals	7,325.73
Sale of Equipment	1,247.20

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 8,572.93

## CHARITIES

## RECOVERIES:

General Relief	28.36
Disability Assistance	523.84
Old Age Assistance	405.65
Aid to Dependent Children	560.45
Medical Assistance	329.77

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 1,848.07

## SCHOOLS

Hall Rental	55.00
School Lunch	16,854.51
Tuition (Topsfield)	1,020.00

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 17,929.51

## MISCELLANEOUS — TOWN

4,116.46

4,116.46

## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

## ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT:

Sale of Light and Power	254,405.44
Miscellaneous	3,250.74
Meter Deposit Fund	1,970.00

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 259,626.18

## WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Income	7,519.27
Water Lien	776.77

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 8,295.04

## CEMETERY:

Opening Graves	1,693.00
Use of Equipment	206.00
Sale of Lots and Graves	457.00
Care of Endowed Lots	1,050.00
Recording Deeds	15.00
Perpetual Care Interest	2,834.54

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 6,255.54

## INTEREST

Mansfield Fund	2,895.00
Meter Deposits	90.31
Deferred Taxes	2,660.43

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 5,645.74

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Anticipated Revenue Loan	200,000.00
Fire Truck Loan	16,000.00

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 216,000.00

## AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Federal Withholding	46,241.81
State Withholding	5,827.66
County Retirement	8,291.71
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	6,473.28
Group Life Insurance	728.27
Teachers' Retirement	1,491.46
Washington National	218.43
Dog Lic. due County	1,102.72

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 70,375.34

## TRANSFERS

Total Receipts	1,738,821.80
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1966	355,988.47

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 \$2,094,810.27

**EXPENDITURES****GENERAL GOVERNMENT****MODERATOR**

Salary	50.00	50.00
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Expenses	55.00	55.00
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**SELECTMEN**

Salaries	1,500.00	
Clerk	600.00	
Supplies and Printing	170.04	
Advertisements	166.50	
Postage	76.05	
Association Dues	44.00	
Miscellaneous	412.18	
Telephone	109.15	977.92
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		3,077.92

**ACCOUNTANT**

Salary	1,800.00	
Expenses	446.92	
		2,246.92

**TREASURER**

Salary	1,800.00	
Expenses		
Clerk	280.50	
Printing	79.72	
Postage and Misc.	1,227.04	
Bond	344.00	1,931.26
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		3,731.26



## TAX COLLECTOR

Salary		2,600.00	
Clerk		1,298.50	
Expenses			
Postage	382.50		
Office Supplies	247.71		
Telephone	163.86		
Office Maintenance	373.47		
Dues	5.00		
Advertising (Tax Taking)	28.00		
Miscellaneous	28.00	1,228.54	
			5,127.04

## ASSESSORS

Salaries		3,200.00	
Clerk		1,092.00	
Expenses			
Supplies	114.62		
Telephone	112.79		
Miscellaneous	967.80	1,195.21	
			5,487.21

## COUNSEL

Salary		1,200.00	
Expenses		519.50	
			1,719.50

## TOWN CLERK

Salary		800.00	
Expenses		355.94	
			1,155.94

## ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Salaries		400.00	
Expenses			
Elections	591.25		
Supplies	418.58		
Miscellaneous	734.46	1,744.29	
			2,144.29

### PLANNING BOARD

Expenses			
Clerk	180.00		
Printing	258.14		
Miscellaneous	683.70	1,121.84	
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			1,121.84

### TOWN HALL

Salary		480.00	
Expenses			
Supplies	40.68		
Light and Fuel	961.32		
Repairs	62.90		
Miscellaneous	63.71	1,128.61	
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			1,608.61

### MEMORIAL HALL

Salary		600.00	
Expenses			
Supplies and Miscellaneous	80.38		
Repairs	336.39		
Light and Fuel	2,064.01		
Special	1,110.00	3,590.78	
	<u>          </u>		
			4,190.78

### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Expenses		49.35	
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			49.35
Total General Government Expenditures			<u>31,765.66</u>

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### CONSTABLE

Salary	35.00	
		35.00

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries		6,760.00	
Wages		16,769.75	
Expenses			
Equipment and Repairs	5,020.82		
Fuel	193.05		
Miscellaneous	1,194.11	6,407.98	
			29,937.73

### CIVIL DEFENSE

Expenses		93.30	
			93.30

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries		8,482.75	
Expenses			
Labor	12,912.62		
Gas and Oil	473.13		
Equipment and Bldg. Maint.	4,371.41		
Miscellaneous	2,882.20		
Fire Truck	19,927.12	40,566.48	
			49,049.23

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Salary	750.00	
Expenses	250.00	
		1,000.00

### BOARD OF APPEALS

Clerk	290.00	
Advertisements	182.32	
Office Expenses	16.00	488.32
		488.32

## WIRE INSPECTOR

Salary	400.00	
Expenses	139.35	
		539.35

## GAS INSPECTOR

Salary	100.00	
		100.00

## PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Salary	200.00	
		200.00

## FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

Tree Warden	1,493.53	
Moth Control	622.10	
Dutch Elm Control	994.40	
New Trees	284.25	
		3,394.28

## DOG OFFICER

Salary	200.00	
Expenses	430.09	
		630.09

Total Public Safety Expenditures	<hr/>	<hr/> 85,467.30
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## HEALTH AND SANITATION

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salary		520.00	
Dump		1,914.20	
Sewage	240.00		
Vital Statistics	136.00		
Contagious Diseases	1,143.08		
Miscellaneous	1,279.98	4,713.26	
			5,233.26

### DENTAL CLINIC

Expenses	1,063.91	1,063.91
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### COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Middleton Community Services, Inc.	2,500.00	
Mental Health	365.00	2,865.00

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Salary	200.00	
Expenses	65.20	265.20

### INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Salary	50.00	50.00
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Total Health and Sanitation		9,477.37
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## HIGHWAYS

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### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Labor		6,127.59	
Expenses			
RMF	147.26		
Truck & Equipment Hire	978.30		
Sand-Gravel-Loam	787.66		
Asphalt	174.31		
Supplies	1,711.03		
Other	1,577.43	5,375.99	
			11,503.58

### ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Expenses			
Gas - Oil	1,402.42		
Repair	632.81		
Equipment	2,969.21	2,969.21	
Supplies	993.56		
Insurance & Registration	176.33		
Other	33.15	6,207.48	
			6,207.48

### SNOW REMOVAL

Labor		8,451.76	
Expenses			
RMF	1,740.74		
Truck & Equipment Hire	7,832.10		
Repairs	1,134.72		
Salt and Sand	2,405.79		
Other	21.03	13,134.38	
			21,586.14

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Chapter 81	14,949.99		
Chapter 90 Maint.	2,000.00		
Chapter 90 Const.	4,474.92		
Lake Street (Chapt. 782-822)	10,297.00		
New Truck	3,497.50		
Storm Drains	970.00		
Street Lights	5,935.06		
Christmas Lighting	35.67	42,160.14	
			42,160.14
Total Highway Expenditures			81,457.34

## CHARITIES

## PUBLIC WELFARE

Salaries	900.00	
Expenses	80.00	
Administration	2,726.00	3,706.00

## GENERAL RELIEF

Town	5,028.34	5,028.34
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## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town	6,177.85	
Federal	16,173.01	22,350.86

## MEDICAL AID FOR AGED

Town	22,500.00	
Federal	23,837.96	46,337.96

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Town	4,600.00	
Federal	2,667.18	7,267.18

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town	16,646.80	
Federal	13,266.20	29,913.00

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Town	11,439.54	
Federal	5,541.00	16,980.54

Total Charities Expenditures		131,583.88
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**VETERANS' SERVICES**  

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Salary	750.00	
Expenses		
Services - Aid	4,162.28	
Clerk - Office	221.00	
		5,133.28
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Total Veterans' Expenditures		5,133.28

## SCHOOLS

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Salaries		
Superintendent	11,555.44	
Lunch Supervisors	2,235.75	
Teachers, Supervisors	172,418.29	
Doctor	894.94	
Nurse	3,000.00	
Clerks	10,543.50	
Janitors	14,580.93	
Attendance Officer	100.00	
Census	100.00	218,162.01
Expenses		
Superintendent	298.28	
Books - Supplies	15,326.48	
Building Maintenance	8,632.66	
Fuel - Light - Telephone - Water	10,813.87	
Transportation	20,358.00	
Tuition	165.00	
Furniture - Equipment	731.22	
Miscellaneous	891.53	57,217.04
Superintendent - Out of State Travel	154.44	154.44
Revolving Fund	320.00	320.00
Public Law 89-10	8,816.63	8,816.63
Public Law 874	4,557.20	4,557.20

### SCHOOL LUNCH

Labor	12,759.03	
Equipment - Supplies	14,557.52	27,316.55

### REGIONAL SCHOOL

Assessment	365,772.00	365,772.00
Planning	10,900.00	10,900.00

### SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Building & Equipment	7,191.76	7,191.76
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### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Tuition and Transportation	3,026.90	3,026.90
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	703,434.53	703,434.53
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**LIBRARY**  

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Salaries	5,907.95	
Expenses	4,084.46	9,992.41
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Total Library Expenditures		9,992.41

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**RECREATION**  

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**PARK**

Expenses	1,830.73	
New Equipment	278.69	
East St. Pool	170.80	2,280.22
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Recreation Committee - Wages	834.00	834.00
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Total Recreation Expenditures		3,114.22

## UNCLASSIFIED

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Insurance			
General	7,257.92		
Group	600.00		
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	4,800.00		
Motor Vehicle Liability	3,311.45		15,969.37
Memorial Day	524.73		524.73
Printing Town Report	1,557.75		1,557.75
Mansfield Fund			
Concert	200.00		
Picnic	1,540.00		
Thanksgiving and			
Christmas Charities	1,036.50		
Miscellaneous	243.00	3,019.50	
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			3,019.50
Stabilization Fund	27,000.00		27,000.00
Debt Interest	17,770.00		17,770.00
Essex County Retirement	17,181.00		17,181.00
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Total Unclassified Expenditures			83,022.35

## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

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### ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

## Salaries

Commissioners	600.00	
Manager	8,320.00	
Clerk	4,550.00	13,470.00

### MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

## Energy

New England Power	138,300.07	
Danvers Electric Co.	782.80	139,082.87

## Wages

30,536.61	30,536.61
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## Expenses

Materials	8,824.20	
Office Supplies	3,092.99	
Rent	1,200.00	
Insurance	1,280.70	
Lakes Street	418.74	
Line Clearance	1,991.18	
Boston St.	1,096.48	
Arrow St.	200.00	
Perkins Rd.	400.00	
Depreciation	23,681.36	
Brigadoon St. Lights	840.00	43,025.65
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		43,025.65

Total Electric Department Expenditures	226,115.13
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## WATER DEPARTMENT

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Salaries		
Commissioners	450.00	
Office Expenses	304.10	
Maintenance	1,808.52	
Debt Repayment	1,860.00	
Survey	382.00	4,804.62
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Total Water Department Expenditures		4,804.62

## CEMETERIES

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Salaries		
Commissioners	60.00	
Supt. of Burials	30.00	90.00
Expenses		
Maintenance	6,509.55	
New Equipment	935.74	
Hot Top	450.00	
New Lots	520.80	
Opening Graves	1,611.10	
Perpetual Care	972.70	10,999.89
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		10,999.89
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Total Cemetery Expenditures		11,089.89

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

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School Addition	10,000.00	
School Addition 1956	10,000.00	
New School Loan	25,000.00	
Fire Truck Loan	4,000.00	49,000.00
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Total Municipal Indebtedness Expenditures		49,000.00

## AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

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State Parks and Reservations	2,606.71	
County Tax	16,594.28	
Dog Licenses to County	1,102.75	
Withholding Tax — State	5,859.08	
Withholding Tax — Federal	46,537.97	
Retirement Deduction	8,389.72	
Meter Deposit Refunds	1,585.00	
Interest (Meter Deposits)	91.05	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	201.82	
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	142.23	
Mosquito Control	4,254.50	
		87,365.11
Total Agency, Trust, Investment Expenditures		87,365.11

## REFUNDS

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1965 Excise Tax	701.82	
1966 Excise Tax	1,969.43	
1966 Real Estate	5,760.01	
Total Refunds		8,431.26
Transfer Electric Depreciation Fund	95,000.00	95,000.00
Revenue Loan		200,000.00
Total Expenditures		1,841,285.04
Cash on Hand		253,555.23
		2,094,810.27



## Appropriation - Transfers - Expenditures for 1966

	Appropriation and Transfer	Expended	Unexpended Balance
	\$	\$	\$
Moderator	50.00	50.00	
Finance Committee	100.00	55.00	45.00
Seelctmen's Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Clerical	600.00	600.00	
Expenses	800.00		
Transfer	200.00	977.92	23.08
Accountant Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Expenses	300.00		
Transfer	150.00	446.92	3.08
Treasurer Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Clerk	300.00	280.50	19.50
Expense	835.00		
Transfer	818.30	1,650.76	2.54
Collector, Salary	2,600.00	2,600.00	
Clerk	1,298.50	1,298.50	
Expense	1,300.00	1,228.54	71.46
Assessors' Salary	3,200.00	3,200.00	
Clerk	1,092.00	1,092.00	
Expenses	1,250.00	1,195.21	54.79
Counselor Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Expenses	500.00	499.50	.50
Clerk Salary	800.00	800.00	
Expenses	350.00		
Transfer	8.00	355.94	2.06
Election & Registration			
Salary	400.00	400.00	
Expense	1,750.00	1,744.29	5.71
Planning Board Expenses	800.00		
Transfer	325.00	1,121.84	3.16
Industrial Development	100.00	49.35	50.65
Town Hall Salary	480.00	480.00	
Expenses	1,000.00	1,128.61	-128.61
Special	750.00		
'65 Balance	289.84		1,039.84*
Memorial Hall Salary	600.00	600.00	
Expenses	2,400.00	2,480.78	-80.78
Special	1,000.00		
'65 Balance	695.44	1,110.00	585.44*
Constable Salary	35.00	35.00	

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	Appropriation and Transfer	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Police			
Chief's Salary	6,760.00	6,760.00	
Wages	16,680.00		
Transfer	89.75	16,769.75	
Expense	4,575.00		
Transfer	475.00	4,962.98	87.02
Cruiser	1,450.00	1,445.00	5.00
Fire			
Chief's Salary	6,220.00	6,220.00	
Firemen's Salary	2,350.00	2,262.75	87.25
Expense—Labor	20,591.00		
Transfer	175.00	20,639.36	126.64
New Truck—'65 Bal.	3,972.90		
Transfer	16,000.00	19,927.12	45.78
Building Inspector Salary	750.00	750.00	
Expense	250.00	250.00	
Board of Appeals Expense	500.00	443.05	56.95
Wire Inspector Salary	400.00	400.00	
Expenses	150.00	139.35	10.65
Gas Inspector Salary	100.00	100.00	
Expenses	75.00		75.00
Plumbing Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	
Expenses	75.00		75.00
Civil Defense	100.00		
'65 Balance	7.75	93.30	14.45
Forestry			
Tree Warden	1,500.00	1,493.53	6.47
Moth	625.00	622.10	2.90
Dutch Elm	1,000.00	994.40	5.60
New Trees	300.00	284.25	15.75
River St. Special	1,000.00		1,000.00
Dog Officer Salary	200.00	200.00	
Expenses '65 Balance	155.96		
	300.00	430.09	25.87
Board of Health Salary	520.00	520.00	
Expenses	3,500.00		
Transfers	1,213.26	4,713.26	
Dental Clinic Expense	1,200.00	1,063.91	136.09
Community Health Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Mental Health	365.00	365.00	
Inspector of Animals	200.00	200.00	
Expense	100.00	65.20	34.80
Inspector of Slaughter	50.00		

	Appropriation and Transfer	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Highway:			
Road Machinery	6,240.00	6,207.48	32.52*
Expenses	11,504.00	11,503.58	.42
Chapter 81	14,950.00	14,949.99	.01
Chapter 90	16,000.00	4,474.92	11,525.08*
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Lake St. Special (782)	5,326.40	5,326.40	
Lake St. Special (822)	10,724.40	4,970.60	6,126.42*
Land Damage '65 Balance	3,350.00		3,350.00*
New Truck	3,500.00	3,497.50	2.50
Snow Removal	18,000.00		
Transfer	3,586.14	21,586.14	
Storm Drains	1,000.00	970.00	30.00
Street Lights	6,000.00	5,935.06	64.94
Christmas Lights	50.00	35.67	14.33
Public Welfare			
Salaries	900.00	900.00	
Expenses	100.00	80.00	20.00
District Adm.	2,776.00	2,726.00	50.00*
General Relief	2,000.00		
Transfer	3,096.36	5,028.34	68.02
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00		
Transfer	405.65	6,177.85	227.80
Medical Aid Aged	20,000.00		
Transfer	2,500.00	22,500.00	
Medical Assistance			
Transfer	4,605.88	4,600.00	5.88
Aid Dependent Children	15,000.00		
Transfer	1,736.90	16,646.80	90.10
Disability Assistance	6,000.00		
Transfer	5,545.33	11,439.54	105.79
Veteran Agent			
Salary	750.00	750.00	
Expenses	225.00	221.00	4.00
Services	9,000.00	4,162.28	4,837.72
School Department			
Salaries '65 Balance	3,794.78		
	220,250.00	218,162.01	1,900.00
			'66 Bal.
			3,982.61*
Expenses	54,635.00		
Transfer	2,729.16	57,217.04	147.12
Travel	200.00	154.44	45.56

	Appropriation and Transfer	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Bldg. Fund '65 Balance	10,406.55	7,191.76	4,033.55
Lunch Fund '65 Balance	1,261.55		
Transfers	28,948.52	27,316.55	2,893.52
P.L. 89-10	13,274.00	8,816.63	4,457.37
P.L. 874 '65 Balance	7,097.38		
Transfer	3,127.00	4,557.20	5,667.18
Revolving Fund	320.00	320.00	
Masconomet	365,772.00	365,772.00	829.25
Planning	10,900.00	10,829.00	71.00
Vocation Education	2,000.00		
Transfer	1,026.90	3,026.90	
Library			
Salaries and Wages	6,110.00	5,907.95	202.05
Expenses	4,123.22	4,084.46	38.76
State Aid for Libraries	929.50		
Transfer	929.50	929.50	929.50*
Park Department	1,840.00	1,830.73	9.27
New Equipment	313.00	278.69	34.31
East St. Pool	250.00	170.80	79.20
Recreation Committee	900.00	834.00	66.00
Cemetery Department			
Salaries	90.00	90.00	
Maintenance	6,425.00	6,509.55	-84.55
New Equipment	980.00	935.74	44.26
Hot Top	450.00	450.00	
New Lots '65 Balance	171.15		
		'66 Bal.	
Transfer	720.00	520.80	370.35*
Opening Graves	2,000.00	1,842.80	157.20
Perpetual Care	972.70	972.70	
So. Main St. Sidewalks			
'65 Balance	5,942.00	5,493.87	447.13
Printing Town Report	2,000.00	1,557.75	442.25
Memorial Day	500.00		
Transfer	24.73	524.73	
Retirement—Essex County	17,181.00	17,181.00	
Insurance, General	9,505.00	7,257.92	2,247.08
Insurance, Motor Vehicle	3,047.00		
Transfer	617.00	3,311.45	352.55
Insurance, Group	600.00	600.00	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	4,800.00	4,800.00	
Reserve Fund	3,000.00		
Transfer	475.00	3,408.78	66.22

Electric Light			
Salaries	13,470.00	13,470.00	
Wages	30,587.00	30,536.61	50.39
Energy	172,000.00	139,082.87	32,917.13
Exepnses	20,000.00	14,397.89	5,602.11
Line Clearance	2,000.00	1,991.18	8.82
Depreciation	24,000.00	23,681.36	318.64
Emergency Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00
Water Department			
Salaries	450.00	450.00	
Expenses	370.00	304.10	65.90
Maintenance	2,000.00	1,808.52	191.48
Survey	500.00	382.00	118.00*
Debt Repayment	1,860.00	1,860.00	
Marker, Revolutionary Vets	1,000.00		1,000.00*
Conservation Commission	300.00	46.50	253.50*
School Addition Loan 1950	10,000.00	10,000.00	
School Addition Loan 1956	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Fuller - Meadow Loan 1964	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Fire Truck Loan	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Revenue Loan	100,000.00		
	100,000.00	200,000.00	
County (Dog License)		1,102.75	
Federal Withholding		46,537.97	
State Withholding		5,859.08	
County Retirement		8,389.72	
Washington National		218.43	
Teachers' Retirement		1,865.13	
Group Life Insurance		1,325.06	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield		10,465.76	
Cemetery Recording Deed		15.00	
Cemetery Endowment		1,050.00	
M.E.L.D. Depreciation Fund		95,000.00	
Stabilization Fund		27,000.00	
Meter Deposit Refund		1,585.00	
Meter Deposit Interest		91.05	
Mansfield Fund '65 Balance	410.47		
	2,895.00	3,019.50	285.97*
State Parks	140.91	2,606.71	-2,465.80
Auditing Municipal Accts.	201.82	201.82	
Met. Area Planning	128.90	142.23	-13.33

	Appropriation and Transfer	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Mosquito Control	2,015.94	4,254.50	-2,238.56
County Tax	15,271.36	16,594.28	-1,322.91
Loan Interest	18,500.00	17,770.00	730.00
Mass. Bay Transportation	201.66	201.66	
Excise Tax Bills	346.05	346.05	
Federal Welfare Expense		62,485.35	
Total Expenditures:		\$1,841,255.04	
Cash on Hand		253,555.23	
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		\$2,094,810.27	

# Balance Sheet December 31, 1966 — General Accounts

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash		Guarantee Deposits	\$
Advances for Petty:	\$	Customer Meter Deposits	\$ 2,990.00
Collector of Taxes	100.00	Agency:	
School	30.00	County—Dog Licenses	\$ 599.50
School Lunch	30.00	Sale of Dogs	18.00
Municipal Light	100.00	Excess—Sale of Lands of	
Accounts Receivable		Low Value	84.84
Personal Property		Tailings	
Real Estate		Unclaimed Checks, Etc.	
Motor Vehicle Excise		Trust Fund Income	109.35
Farm Animal Excise		Mansfield Fund	
Water Liens		Cemetery, Perpetual Care	285.97
Tax Titles		Federal Grants	2,834.54
Tax Possessions		Old Age Assistance	
Departmental		Medical Assistance	2,531.09
General Relief		Aid to Dependent	3,484.06
Old Age Assistance	1,024.43	Children	
Municipal Light	8.08	Disability Assistance	472.83
Rates		School—P.L. 89-10	953.62
Miscellaneous	16,513.39	P.L. 81-874	4,457.37
Aid to Highways—State	1,254.09	Revolving Funds	
Provided For or Overdrawn Accounts		School Lunch	17,566.15
Underestimates 1966 Assessments		1966 Salaries (Teachers)	2,893.52
State:		Appropriation Balances	3,982.69
Parks and Reservations	2,465.80	Revenue	
Metropolitan Area		Municipal Light	
Planning Council	13.33	Depreciation	13,146.91
Mosquito Control	2,238.56	Water—Survey	118.00
County—County Tax			13,264.91



<b>Overdrawn Accounts</b>		
Federal Withholding	296.16	
State Withholding	31.42	
County Retirement	98.01	
Teachers' Retirement	373.67	
Town Hall Expenses	128.61	
Memorial Hall Expenses	80.78	
Cemetery Maintenance	84.55	
Masconomet Assessment	829.25	
	<b>1,922.45</b>	
		<b>Non-Revenue</b>
		Fire-Highway Bldg.
		School Building
		Additions
		School Building
		Construction
		Markers, Revolutionary
		Veterans
		<b>19,783.19</b>
		<b>457.00</b>
		<b>Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund</b>
		<b>Receipts reserved for</b>
		<b>Appropriation</b>
		Road Machinery Fund
		Highways—Chap. 822
		Chap. 90 Const.
		Land Damage
		Library Aid
		<b>2,332.93</b>
		<b>6,126.42</b>
		<b>11,525.08</b>
		<b>3,350.00</b>
		<b>929.50</b>
		<b>24,263.93</b>
		<b>10,133.37</b>
		<b>Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus</b>
		<b>Overlays Reserved for Abatements</b>
		Levy of 1965
		Levy of 1966
		<b>1,899.46</b>
		<b>8,607.56</b>
		<b>Revenue Reserved Until Collected</b>
		Motor Vehicle Excise
		Farm Excise
		Tax Title & Possessions
		Departmental
		Water
		Aid to Highway
		Municipal Light
		<b>15,847.01</b>
		<b>63.62</b>
		<b>12,845.59</b>
		<b>1,032.51</b>
		<b>79.56</b>
		<b>1,000.00</b>
		<b>17,789.98</b>
		<b>48,658.27</b>
		<b>260.00</b>
		<b>Reserve for Petty Cash Advances</b>
		<b>Surplus Revenue</b>
		General
		Municipal Light
		Water
		<b>108,358.35</b>
		<b>82,530.48</b>
		<b>23,592.62</b>
		<b>214,481.45</b>
		<b>\$359,908.79</b>
		<b>\$359,908.79</b>

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

## ASSETS

## LIABILITIES

School Addition 1950	\$ 28,000.00
School Addition 1956	80,000.00
Fuller Meadow 1963	385,000.00
Water Loan	10,500.00
Fire Truck	12,000.00

\$485,500.00

\$485,500.00

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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## STABILIZATION FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1966	\$	20,759.36
Deposited, July 15, 1966		27,000.00
Interest		1,516.22

Balance Dec. 31, 1965		
Arlington Trust Co.		
Investment Savings Acct.		
	\$	49,275.58

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA M. JORDAN,  
Town Treasurer

## CEMETERY ENDOWMENT ACCOUNTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1966	\$	42,043.28
New Accounts Added		2,175.00
Interest		2,015.16

Total Receipts	\$	46,233.44
Interest withdrawn		2,015.16

Balance Dec. 31, 1966	\$	46,233.44
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## SECTION C. OAKDALE CEMETERY

Balance on hand January 1, 1966	\$	2,632.63
New Accounts Added		275.00
Interest		95.95

Total Receipts	\$	3,003.58
Interest withdrawn		95.95

Balance Dec. 31, 1966	\$	2,907.63
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Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA M. JORDAN,  
Town Treasurer

## ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

### DEPRECIATION FUND

Deposited November 2, 1966	\$	95,000.00
Interest Dec. 31, 1966		767.81

	\$	95,767.81
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Arlington Trust Company  
Investment Savings

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA M. JORDAN,

Town Treasurer

## Land Owned By the Town of Middleton

### MIDDLETON PINES:

16 Lots: 2, 3, 4, 314-317 inc., 351-355 inc., 532-535 inc.

Book 4037 page 358, Book 3105 page 257, Book 2955 page 65  
42,103 sq. ft., lots 268-274 inc., 471-474 inc., 47A Book 4965 page  
361 (includes 2 camps)

8,500 Sq. Ft., Lots 1021, 1022 Book 5010 page 570 (1 camp)

### SUMMIT VIEW:

Lot 10 Probate 236108 (1 camp)

171 Lots: 3, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 51, 57-59 inc., 63,  
64, 65, 80-83 inc., 91-97 inc., 136-159 inc., 160-169 inc., 208,  
212, 213, 215, 221, inc., 238, 239, 242-251 inc., 257-270 inc.,  
279-285 inc., 326-337 inc., 376, 378, 379-382 inc., 385-398 inc.

### WOODLAND PARK:

9 Lots: 118, 119, 139, 168, 332, 575, 576, 714, 715

### HASWELL PARK:

12 Lots: 34, 35, 155, 160, 161, 165, 166, 171, 172, 173, 284, 285

1 Acre: Probate 278847 (Turf Meadow)

5,000 Sq. Ft.: Lots 291, 292, Book 3574 Page 253

### ESSEX STREET:

20,000 Sq. Ft. Part of Parker Lot Book 5010 Page 570

### WALCOTT'S ISLAND:

4 Acres: Woodland Book 1472 Page 551

## RIVERVIEW:

2 Lots: 266, 337 Book 2816 Page 197

## HIGHLAND PARK:

Lot #2: Book 3473 Page 365

## RECREATION PARK:

7,340 Sq. Ft.: Book 4037 page 351 Lot "H"

## LIBERTY STREET:

4 Acres: Book 849 Page 178

## ODD LOTS:

Recreation Park Lots 61-64 inc., G., 65-70 inc., 34, 382 Sq. Ft.  
 (All of these on Book 4037 Page 351)

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA M. JORDAN,

Treasurer

Board of Selectmen  
 South Main Street  
 Middleton, Mass.  
 Gentlemen:

At a land sale held at the Water Department Rooms on May 10, 1966 at 10:00 A.M. the following is a report of sale:

## 1. Sutton Lot to Louis A. Barett

Sale Price	\$1,100.00
Book Value	- 23.28
Gain	\$1,076.72

## 2. Smith Lot to Anthony V. Giannino and Henrietta G. Giannino

Sale Price	\$ 300.00
Book Value	- 6.88
Gain	\$ 293.12

## 3. 2nd Pasture Woodland and Meadow to Leonard W. and Winifred M. Kupreance

Sale Price	\$ 40.00
Book Value	- 33.90
Gain	\$ 6.10

4. Lots 504 and 505 Middleton Pines to Robert J. Preytis and Marie G. Preytis

Sale Price	\$ 60.00
Book Value	- 59.53
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Gain	\$ 0.47

5. Lots 520 and 521 Middleton Pines to Robert J. Preytis and Marie G. Preytis

Sale Price	\$ 47.00
Book Value	- 46.08
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Gain	\$ 0.92

The net gain being \$1,377.33

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA M. JORDAN,

Treasurer

**Town of Middleton**  
**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**OF THE**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee herewith reports and submits recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting, March 14, 1967.

At the time of this report the amount of State aid to be received and the exact evaluation of the Town are not known. It is impossible, therefore, to predict with reasonable accuracy the tax rate for 1967.

This Committee has reviewed all of the budget requests referred to us and we have studied all of the articles in the Warrant for Town Meeting, 1967. Exclusive of the Warrant, your Finance Committee has a realistic power of recommendation on about 15% of the total budget. The remaining 85% of the budget contains items controlled in varying degree by legislation, fixed cost, debt retirement, etc. Practically all agencies in Town Government have asked for significant increases in their appropriations. For the most part these increases provide for no additional services to the Town, but only for a continuation of 1966 services at a higher cost in 1967. We anticipated that it would cost more to operate Town Government in 1967. Remaining for debate was the degree of increase. The recommended budget this year exceeds last year's expenditures by \$156,842.00, itemized as follows:

- A. School Departments Increase ..... \$55,137.00
- B. Electric Light Dept. Increase ..... 82,167.00\*
- C. Other Town Government Increase .. 19,538.00

\* From earnings.

In presenting our report and recommendations we have tried to the very best of our ability to suggest a reasonable budget that would satisfy the requirements of the Town and provide the necessary funds to meet those requirements.

Arriving at an equitable recommendation in respect to salaries and wages paid to persons for services to the Town was one of our more difficult tasks. This Committee must accept the responsibility to make recommendations in this area but does so most reluctantly. As long as we are forced to arbitrarily recommend salaries and wages with no established, responsible program for our



guidance there will exist the possibility that inequities may occur. In such circumstances there can be a less than efficient atmosphere in Town Government. Generally we have recommended: (1) A 6% increase for full time officials and employees, (2) A similar increase for some part time employees, (3) Adjustments in the salaries for some officials (one elected), (4) Provisions for sufficient funds to establish a \$2.00 hourly wage minimum for Firemen and Patrolmen, and (5) No increases for some.

Article 24 of the Warrant, a petition to establish a plan for classification of positions under a Personnel Relations Review Board, approaches a goal which has been strongly recommended by this Committee for some time. The content of the Article is such, however, that it may fall short of providing the plan we had envisioned. A joint study by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee may result in an amendment to this Article at Town Meeting. Our recommendation on the Article will be made at that time.

This Committee and the Electric Light Commissioners again are not in agreement on the amount of Electric Light Department earnings to be returned to the Town. We are of the opinion that a larger amount would be fiscally reasonable. Continued debate between us on this matter serves no useful purpose. The Finance Committee defers to the Commissioners for whatever action, if any, they deem appropriate.

Reflecting on the present and looking toward the future, there is strong evidence that our Town Government organization is becoming more and more ineffective as an efficient, economical administrative unit. The requirements placed on Town Government to determine and provide for the many needs of the Community have been becoming much greater in recent years, both in scope and cost. Recently enacted home rule legislation further indicates a real need for centralized, coordinated, modernized Town Management. In the last year we have had opportunity to observe some incidents that should have been routine Town administration but were an exercise in frustration because our government machinery was not geared to the problem. This Committee recognized the need for a study of this matter as long as two years ago, and again urges the Selectmen to consider an in-depth study that could consider establishment of a Charter Commission, creation, consolidation and abolishment of positions (elected and appointed), full time employment in selected offices, centralized purchasing procedures, and other measures that might be appropriate.

During the past year there has been no indication of improve-

ment in the fiscal posture of the Town. The increased cost of Town operation with no significant increases in revenue to offset these costs indicates that we are faced with the continued burden of a higher than average tax rate. It should be quite obvious to all that Town expenditures should be reviewed critically and that effort is required to reduce or maintain these expenditures at the lowest acceptable level. The need and welfare of the Community must be foremost when thinking in terms of new or expanded programs. Those that may be desirable but not necessary should be considered for deferment until the economy of the Town is prepared for them.

This Committee strongly recommends that more of our citizens take an active interest in our Town Government. Many public hearings on matters of extreme importance to the taxpayer were held during 1966. It was discouraging to note the few people in attendance, particularly since most of the issues involved expenditure of the taxpayers' money.

To conclude our report, this Committee extends its appreciation to all who have cooperated with us in our efforts this year.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS:

John T. Dowling, Chairman  
Frank R. Britner  
Richard M. Murphy  
Bernard Greenbaum  
Richard J. Fitzpatrick  
Gerald Lebel

## FINANCE COMMITTEE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual and Special Town Meetings. These definitions are provided in order to give everyone a better understanding of their meaning.

### SURPLUS REVENUE

This fund represents the amount by which the Cash, Accounts Receivable and other floating assets exceed the liabilities and reserves.

### AVAILABLE FUNDS (Often referred to as Free Cash)

A fund certified annually by the State Bureau of Accounts by deducting from Surplus Revenue all uncollected taxes for prior years.

### RESERVE FUND

This fund is established by the voters at an annual town meeting only and may be composed of 1) an appropriation not exceeding 5% of the tax levy of the preceding year, 2) money transferred from Overlay Reserve; or 3) both. Transfers from the Reserve Fund are within the exclusive control of the Finance Committee and are for "extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures."

### OVERLAY

The Overlay is the amount raised by the Assessors in excess of appropriations and other charges for the purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements and avoiding fractions.

### OVERLAY RESERVE

This is the accumulated amount of the Overlay for various years not used or required to be held in the specific Overlay account for a given year, and may be used by the vote of the town for extraordinary or unforeseen purposes or voted into the Reserve Fund.

### STABILIZATION FUND

A special account created to provide a reserve for any capital expenditures. The State will match sums taken from this Fund, under certain conditions in amounts up to a maximum of \$100,000. The result of this would be to decrease substantially the bonding cost for any future school construction. The stabilization fund may be used only by a two-thirds vote of the town meeting.

## 1966 RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT

Appropriation from Surplus Revenue	\$ 3,000.00
Transfer from Surplus Revenue	475.00
Transfers to:	
Town Treasurer Expense, 3/31/66	\$ 500.00
Police Department Expense, 7/8/66	475.00
Selectmen Expense, 9/27/66	200.00
Fire Alarm Expense, 10/31/66	175.00
Town Treasurer Expense, 11/16/66	100.00
Town Accountant Expense, 12/23/66	150.00
Snow Removal Account, 12/31/66	586.14
Board of Health Expense, 12/31/66	1,081.26
Police Department Wages, 12/31/66	89.75
Memorial Day Expense, 12/31/66	24.73
Vocational Education, 12/31/66	26.90
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TOTAL	\$ 3,408.78

### RECAPITULATION:

Available for Transfer	\$ 3,475.00
Transferred	3,408.78
Transferred Funds Expended	3,185.20
Returned to Surplus Revenue	289.80

## ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

March 14, 1967

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ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1967, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17 of the General Laws.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 3. To fix the compensations of elected officers; to determine whether any Town Board shall be authorized to employ for additional salary or compensation any of its members; provide for a Reserve Fund; and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing year.

See Budget.

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire for the use of the Electric Light Department a right of way and easement not to exceed 100 feet in width and 3/10 miles in length, beginning at a point between Gregory Street and the Danvers line and running to the property of Essex Sanatorium at the site of the proposed M.I.T. Linear Accelerator Facility; and to authorize the Selectmen to pay such sum as is fair and reasonable for the purchase of said property or to award a sum as is fair and reasonable for damages incurred as a result of the taking. The sum of \$700.00 shall be appropriated for such purpose, said sum to be taken from the surplus funds of the Electric Light Department of the Town of Middleton.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 5. On petition of the Electric Light Department to see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$13,000. from the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used to reduce taxes.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 6. On petition of the Cemetery Department to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,100. to purchase a truck, said truck to be purchased by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-laws, agreeable to the petition of the Cemetery Department.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Cemetery Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to establish an equipment depreciation fund with income from equipment rental, and to transfer all revenue obtained from rental of equipment to said fund.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,700. to be expended for the purchase of a new International Dump Truck in accordance with the specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500. to pay for a 1957 Mack Truck, Model B42, with a 1964 Anderson Automatic Sander; this money to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund.

Recommendation at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Available Funds the sum of \$8,589.60 to be expended on construction of a portion of Lake Street, in accordance with Clause 5, Section 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended; to be reimbursed under Chapter 679, Acts of 1965.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Fire Chief, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200. to pay the wages of one new permanent fire fighter for the Fire Department; said man to start work the first week in April.

Recommended that the sum of \$3,900. be appropriated.

ARTICLE 12. On petition of the Conservation Commission to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000. to the Conservation Fund of the Town of Middleton and authorize the Conservation Commission to expend from said fund whatever amounts are appropriate to secure options and/or buy and sell agreements for the purchase of the land as outlined on the Town Master Plan for the Town Common and Park; that the Conservation Commission be hereby authorized and directed to apply to the Commonwealth's Department of Natural Resources for reimbursement under the provisions of G.L., Chapter 132A, Section 11, and to any other State or Federal Agency for such grants or reimbursements as may be or may become available.

Not Recommended.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Board of Assessors to see if the Town will petition the State Tax Commission for the installation of the State Assessment System as provided in Section 7A - 7E of Chapter 58 of the General Laws, or take any other action thereto.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of Donald James and others to see if the Town will vote to repair certain portions of Spring Road, Randall Road and Lakeview Ave., private ways within the Town of Middleton, consisting of 1600 lineal feet, commencing at Liberty Street and running to Lot No. 348 on Randall Road, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,420. to be expended for this purpose.

Recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 15. On petition of Jeffrey W. Savoie and others to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by striking out Section VI-G (2), entitled, "Promotion of Harmonious Development," and Section VI-H and Ha through Hf inclusive, entitled "Site Plans."

No recommendation required.



ARTICLE 16. On petition of the Chief of Police, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600. which together with the exchange value of the present 1966 Oldsmobile Jetstar (88) 4-Door Sedan, Model # 5269, Cruiser is to be expended for the purchase of a new police cruiser for the use of the Police Department; to be purchased by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-laws, agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 17. On petition of the Recreation Committee to see if the Town will vote to name the 10-acre Park behind Brigadoon the JOHN HOCTER MEMORIAL PARK, in honor of the Town's first Park Superintendent and Late Highway Surveyor.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE 18. On petition of the Recreation Committee to see if the Town will vote to accept a conveyance by deed in fee of a portion of a parcel of land at Thunder Bridge now owned by Mrs. Marian Tribby, and to name said parcel the WILLIAM TAFF MEMORIAL BEACH.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE 19. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to expand the present Conservation Commission by the addition of two members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen; one for a term of one year and one for a term of two years, or take any other action thereto.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE 20. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000. from Available Funds to the Stabilization Fund.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 21. On petition of the Town Accountant to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town's Surplus Account \$1,123.19 to pay for 1966 obligations as follows: Memorial Hall expense — \$80.78; Town Hall expense — \$128.61; Masconomet Regional School — \$829.25; Cemetery expense — \$84.55.

Recommended.



ARTICLE 22. On petition of the Town Accountant to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town's Surplus Account the sum of \$10.00 to pay a 1965 obligation for opening graves.  
Recommended.

ARTICLE 23. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to return to the Town's Surplus Account non-revenue balances amounting to \$2,385.33 as follows: Fire-Highway Building — \$1,983.32; School Addition Loan (1950) — \$402.01.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 24. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to establish a plan for classification of positions of certain Town employees under the provisions of Chapter 41, Sections 108a and 108c of the General Laws, said plan to be supervised by a personnel relations review board to be appointed by the Selectmen.

Recommendation at Town Meeting.

## 1966 BUDGET

Item No.	Item	Expended 1965	Expended 1966	Recommended 1967
GENERAL GOVERNMENT — 3.0% OF TOTAL				
	Moderator			
1.	Salary	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	Finance Committee			
2.	Expenses	37.00	55.00	100.00
	Selectmen			
3.	Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
4.	Expenses	930.88	981.92	1,000.00
5.	Clerk	525.00	600.00	600.00
	Accountant			
6.	Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,200.00
7.	Expenses	155.40	450.00	450.00
	Treasurer			
8.	Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,200.00
9.	Clerical	255.35	280.50	350.00
10.	Expenses	528.46	1,653.30	975.00
11.	Tax Titles	1,029.25	1,182.25	1,200.00
	Collector			
12.	Salary	2,200.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
13.	Clerk	1,110.00	1,298.50	1,508.00
14.	Expense	1,316.05	1,228.54	1,350.00
	Assessors			
15.	Salaries	3,200.00	3,200.00	1,800.00
16.	Clerk	1,490.00	1,092.00	1,150.00
17.	Expenses	949.44	1,195.21	1,200.00
18.	Wages — Assessment Only	.....	.....	1,900.00
	Town Counsel			
19.	Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,500.00
20.	Expenses	329.70	519.50	750.00
	Clerk			
21.	Salary	800.00	800.00	800.00
22.	Expenses	350.00	355.94	350.00

Item No.	Item	Expended 1965	Expended 1966	Recommended 1967
	Elections & Registrations			
23.	Salaries	200.00	400.00	200.00
24.	Expenses	959.49	1,744.29	1,055.00
	Planning Board			
25.	Expenses	883.00	1,121.84	1,000.00
	Town Hall			
26.	Salary	480.00	480.00	550.00
27.	Expenses	917.18	1,128.61	1,200.00
28.	Special	710.16	.....	750.00
	Memorial Hall			
29.	Salary	600.00	600.00	700.00
30.	Expenses	2,220.25	2,480.25	2,500.00
31.	Special	.....	.....	3,000.00
	Totals	\$28,514.39	\$31,940.55	\$37,388.00

## PUBLIC SAFETY — 4.1% OF TOTAL

	Constable			
32.	Salary	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
	Police			
33.	Chief's Salary	6,500.00	6,760.00	7,185.00
34.	Wages	13,668.60	16,869.75	18,360.00
35.	Expenses	4,405.14	4,962.98	4,575.00
	Fire			
36.	Chief's Salary	5,980.00	6,220	6,600.00
37.	Salaries	2,087.00	2,262.75	2,425.00
38.	Expenses & Wages	18,189.13	20,639.36	22,555.00
	Building Inspector			
39.	Salary	600.00	750.00	750.00
40.	Expenses	250.00	250.00	350.00
	Board of Appeals			
41.	Expenses	487.21	488.37	500.00
	Wire Inspector			
42.	Salary	300	400.00	400.00
43.	Expenses	140.00	139.35	140.00
	Civil Defense			
44.	Expenses	87.65	93.30	100.00

Item No.	Item	Expended 1965	Expended 1966	Recom. mended 1967
	Gas Inspector			
45.	Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00
46.	Expenses	75.00	.....	75.00
	Plumbing Inspector			
47.	Salary	100.00	200.00	200.00
48.	Expenses	.....	.....	75.00
	Forestry			
49.	Expenses	1,500.00	1,493.53	1,800.00
50.	Moth	582.62	622.10	625.00
51.	Dutch Elm	970.05	994.40	1,000.00
52.	New Trees	257.48	284.25	300.00
	Rog Officer			
53.	Salary	200.00	200.00	300.00
54.	Expenses	197.68	430.09	280.00
	Totals	<u>\$56,637.56</u>	<u>\$64,195.23</u>	<u>\$68,730.00</u>

## HEALTH &amp; SANITATION — 1% OF TOTAL

	Board of Health			
55.	Salary	\$ 320.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00
56.	Expenses	3,500.00	4,713.26	5,000.00
57.	Dental Clinic	1,085.78	1,063.91	1,200.00
58.	Community Health Program	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
59.	Special Health Services	.....	.....	1,500.00
	Inspector of Animals			
60.	Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
61.	Expenses	65.82	65.20	100.00
	Inspector of Slaughtering			
62.	Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
63.	Mental Health	365.00	365.00	365.00
	Totals	<u>\$8,342.78</u>	<u>\$9,477.37</u>	<u>\$11,435.00</u>

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT — 3.5% OF TOTAL

Item No.	Item	Expended 1965	Expended 1966	Recommended 1967
64.	Road Machinery Account (From Road Machinery Fund)	\$ 5,437	\$ 6,240.00	\$ 6,500.00
65.	Highway Surveyor Salary (From Available Dept. Funds)	5,980.00	6,240.00	6,620.00
66.	Highway Expenses	10,368.50	11,503.58	13,060.00
67.	Chapter 81	5,875.00	5,875.00	5,875.00
68.	Chapter 81, State*	9,074.54	9,074.99	9,075.00
69.	Chapter 90, Construction	3,500.00	4,474.92	4,000.00
70.	Chapter 90, County & State*	14,867.29	11,528.08	12,000.00
71.	Chapter 90, Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
72.	Chapter 90, State*	1,000.00	-----	1,000.00
73.	Snow Removal	15,147.08	21,586.14	16,000.00
74.	Storm Drains	1,997.14	970.00	1,000.00
75.	Street Lighting	5,856.39	5,935.06	6,200.00
	Totals	\$ 44,724.11	\$ 52,344.70	\$ 48,135.00
	* County & State Reimbursements to Surplus Revenue.			

## CHARITIES — 4.6% OF TOTAL

76.	Welfare District Administration	\$ 2,443.60	\$ 2,776.00	\$ 4,017.00
	Public Welfare			
77.	Salaries	900.00	900.00	900.00
79.	General Relief	5,062.33	5,028.34	2,000.00
80.	Old Age Assistance	12,401.08	6,177.85	7,000.00
81.	Medical Aid for Aged	19,485.85	22,500.00	-----
	Medical Assistance	-----	4,600.00	34,000.00
82.	Aid to Dependent Children	20,200.69	16,646.80	13,000.00
83.	Disability Assistance	12,930.51	11,439.54	3,000.00
	Totals	\$ 73,486.46	\$ 70,148.53	\$ 64,017.00

Item No.	Item	Expended 1965	Expended 1966	Recommended 1967
<b>VETERANS' SERVICES — 1% OF TOTAL</b>				
	Veterans' Agent			
84.	Salary	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
85.	Expenses	220.50	221.00	300.00
86.	Veterans 'Aid	5,162.82	4,162.28	9,000.00
	Totals	\$ 5,883.32	\$ 5,133.28	\$ 10,050.00

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT — 50.1% OF TOTAL**

	Elementary School			
87.	Salaries	\$ 199,026.51	\$ 222,144.78	\$ 238,617.00
88.	Expenses	54,128.78	57,217.04	62,121.00
89.	Supt. Out-of-State Travel	148.38	154.44	200.00
90.	Masconomet Regional School Dist.	378,785.54	365,772.00	395,514.00
91.	Vocational Education	754.07	3,026.90	7,000.00
	Totals	\$ 632,843.28	\$ 648,315.16	\$ 703,452.00

**LIBRARY DEPARTMENT — 1% OF TOTAL**

92.	Salaries	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,807.95	\$ 6,745.00
93.	Expenses	3,412.09	4,084.46	5,000.00
944.	Plus Dog Tax Refund	503.22	.....	.....
	Totals	\$ 9,115.31	\$ 9,892.41	\$ 11,745.00

**RECREATION — .5% OF TOTAL**

95.	Expenses	\$ 1,861.02	\$ 1,830.73	\$ 1,850.00
96.	East St. Pool	236.00	170.80	250.00
97.	New Equipment	259.40	278.69	350.00
98.	Wages — Beach Life Guard and Instruction	.....	834.00	900.00
	Totals	\$ 2,356.42	\$ 3,114.22	\$ 3,350.00

Item No.	Item	Expended 1965	Expended 1966	mended Recom- 1967
<b>CEMETERIES — 1% OF TOTAL</b>				
99.	Commissioners' Salaries	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
100.	Supt of Burial Salary	30.00	30.00	30.00
101.	Expenses	6,155.00	6,509.55	6,600.00
102.	Opening Graves	1,700.00	1,842.80	2,000.00
103.	Equipment	.....	935.74	500.00
104.	Hot Top	.....	450.00	450.00
	Totals	\$ 7,945.00	\$ 9,828.09	\$ 9,640.00

**UNCLASSIFIED — 3.4% OF TOTAL**

105.	Retirement Assessment	\$ 15,751.92	\$ 17,181.00	\$ 19,950.00
106.	Printing Town Reports	1,890.80	1,557.75	2,500.00
107.	Memorial Day	517.69	524.73	750.00
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
108.	General Liability	\$ 9,535.00	\$ 7,257.52	\$ 8,747.00
109.	Motor Vehicle	2,524.83	3,311.45	3,350.00
110.	Group	524.16	600.00	755.00
111.	Blue Cross— Blue Shield	4,671.60	4,800.00	7,066.00
112.	Industrial Development Commission	19.70	49.35	500.00
113.	Christmas Lighting	35.31	35.67	100.00
114.	Reserve Fund	2,931.34	3,185.20	3,500.00
115.	Conservation Commission Expense	.....	.....	200.00
	Totals	\$ 38,402.35	\$ 38,502.67	\$ 47,418.00

**MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST — 4.9% OF TOTAL**

116.	School Addition Loan, 1950	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
117.	School Addition Loan, 1965	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
118.	Fuller-Meadow School	27,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
119.	Fire Truck Loan	.....	4,000.00	4,000.00
120.	Interest	15,000.00	17,700.00	20,000.00
	Totals	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 66,700.00	\$ 69,000.00



Item No.	Item	Expended 1965	Expended 1966	Recom- mended 1967
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES — .5% OF TOTAL</b>				
Water Department				
121.	Salaries	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
122.	Expenses	224.10	304.10	200.00
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123.	Maintenance	2,159.79	1,808.52	2,000.00
124.	Debt Repayment	1,942.50	1,860.00	1,680.00
	Totals	\$ 4,776.39	\$ 4,422.62	\$ 4,330.00
<b>ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT — 21.9% OF TOTAL</b>				
125.	Salaries	\$ 12,489.00	\$ 13,470.00	\$ 13,920.00
126.	Wages	27,525.31	30,536.61	35,407.00
127.	Energy	129,899.83	139,082.87	206,000.00
128.	Expenses	14,360.05	14,397.89	20,000.00
129.	Line Clearance	1,725.20	1,991.18	2,500.00
130.	Depreciation	14,815.34	23,681.36	26,000.00
131.	Emergency Fund	-----	-----	1,500.00
	Totals	\$ 200,814.73	\$ 223,159.91	\$ 305,327.00
	Grand Totals	\$1,175,842.10	\$1,237,175.00	\$1,394,017.00

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